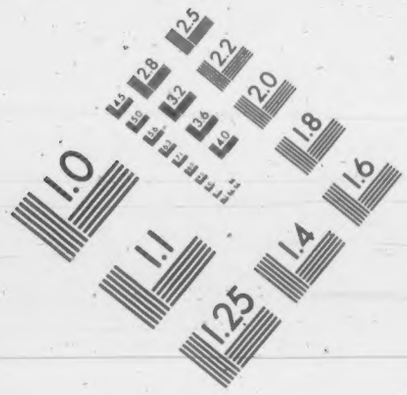
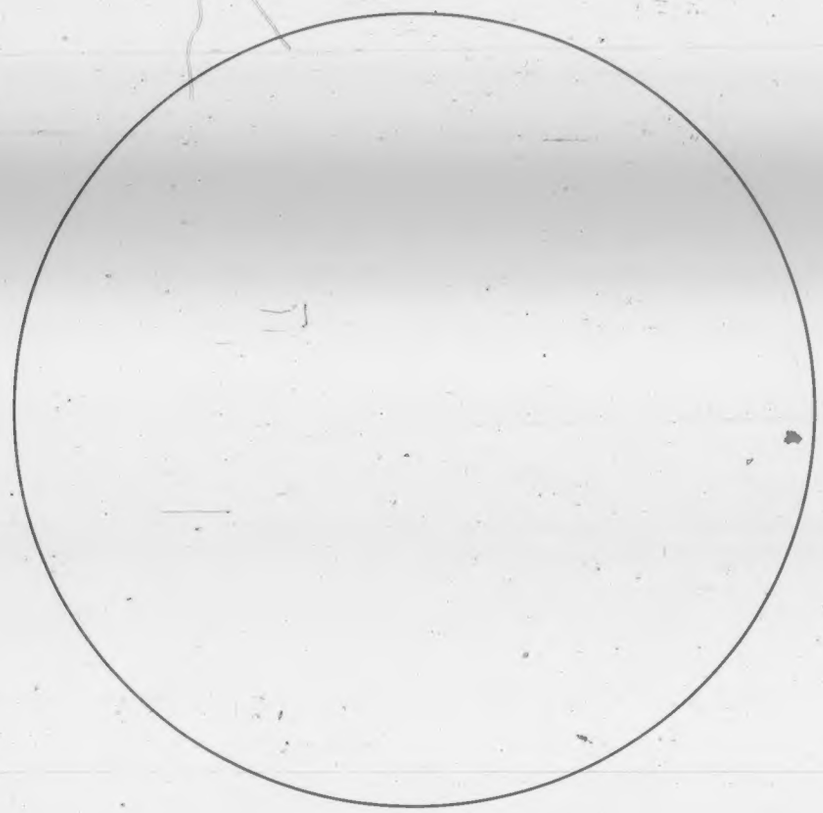

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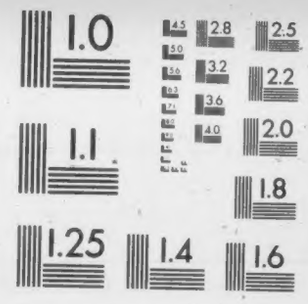


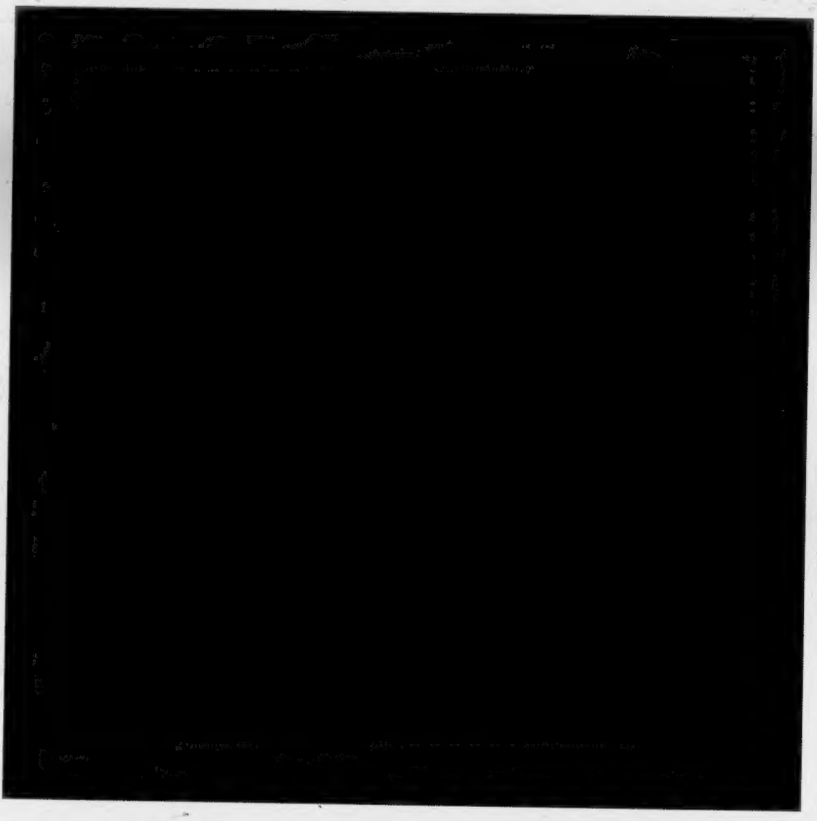
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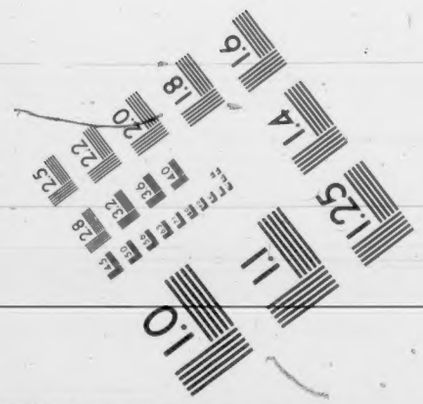


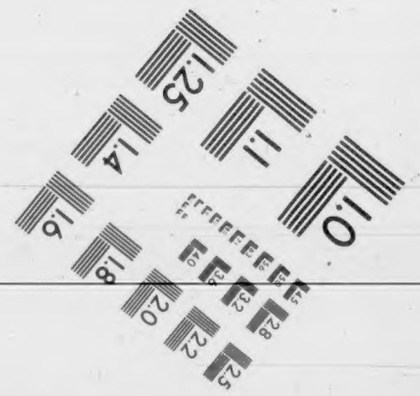




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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 19, 1904.

William Walls,

Eagletown, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

The Commission will hold a session at the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka, Indian Territory on September 6-7, 1904, and at the Chickasaw Land Office, Tishomingo, Indian Territory on September 8-9, 1904.

If you so desire you may appear at one of the above named appointments, together with such witnesses as you may be able to procure, for the purpose of testifying relative to the rights of yourself, your wife and your children as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation, or you may appear before the Commission at its general office at Muskogee, Indian Territory at any time.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-D-200

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 16, 1904.

J. H. Jackson,

Attorney at Law,

DeQueen, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 12th instant, requesting that a day be set for hearing the testimony of William Walls and witnesses relative to the rights of himself and family as Choctaw freedman.

You are informed that William Walls and his witnesses will be heard upon their appearance in person at the office of the Commission in Muskogee, Indian Territory at any time within twenty days from this date.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-D-200

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 26, 1905.

J. H. Jackson,

Attorney at Law.

De Queen, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 20, 1905, in which you state that you wrote from Troy, Tennessee, asking for thirty days time within which to file a brief in the matter of the application of William Walls for the enrollment of himself and his family as Choctaw freedmen, but receive no reply. You state that you have been very busy but can now find time within the next twenty days to prepare brief which you desire to file in this case, and ask if you will be allowed this additional time.

In reply to your letter you are informed that on December 31, 1904, you were advised at Troy, Tennessee, that you would be allowed twenty days from that date within which to submit brief in the matter of the application of William Walls et al., for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen.

You are advised that the Commission is desirous of closing up applications for enrollment in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations as rapidly as practicable, but in accordance with your request you will be allowed fifteen days from this date within which to submit

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brief in the matter of the application of William Walls et al., for enrollment as Choc taw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choctaw Freedman
D. 200

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 31, 1906.

J. H. Jackson,

Troy, Tennessee,

Dear Sir:

Receipt ishereby acknowledged of your letter of December 28, asking for thirty days additional time within which to file brief in the case of William Walls, a Choctaw freedman.

You are advised that you will be allowed twenty days from this date within which to submit brief in the matter of the application of William Walls for the enrollment of himself and his family as Choctaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Department of the Interior.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
Garvin, Ind.Ter., November 28,1902.

Original
Choctaw Freedman.

In the matter of the original application of William Walls for enrollment as freedman of the Choctaw Nation, for himself, his wife, Lucy Walls, and his minor child, Tony Walls.

William Walls, having been first duly sworn, upon his oath testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A William Walls.
Q How old are you? A 76 this coming February.
Q What is your post office address? A Eagletown, Indian Territory.
Q Is that in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q How long have you lived in the Choctaw Nation? A Been there all my life.
Q Never lived anywhere else? A No sir.
Q Do you claim the right to enrollment as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q What makes you think you have rights as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation? A I think I have equal rights to what the rest have.
Q Were you a slave? A Yes sir.
Q What was the name of your master? A Peter Pitchlynn.
Q Was he a Choctaw Indian? A Yes sir.
Q A recognized citizen of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q Where did Peter Pitchlynn live? A He lived at Eagletown.
Q Where was he living during the war? A Right at Eagletown.
Q You were there all during the war were you? A Yes sir.
Q Where were you when the slaves were freed? A At Eagletown.
Q And have lived there ever since? A Yes sir.
Q What was the name of your father? A Dick Walls.
Q Is he living or dead? A Dead.
Q Was he a slave? A Yes sir.
Q What was the name of his owner? A Walls.
Q Was he a white men or an Indian? A He was Indian.
Q Choctaw Indian? A Yes sir.
Q What was the name of your mother? A Celia Walls.
Q Is she living or dead? A Dead.
Q Was she a slave? A Yes sir.
Q What was the name of her owner? A Pitchlynn.
Q The same man that owned you? A Yes sir.
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your wife? A Lucy Walls.
Q Is she a freedman? A Yes sir.
Q Of what nation? A Choctaw Nation.
Q Has she ever made application to this Commission? A No sir.
Q What was the name of her owner? A I don't know sir what his name was.
Q Was he a white man or an Indian? A He was Indian.
Q How many children have you under age? A Only one.
Q What is its name? A Tony Walls.
Q How old is Tony? A Seveteen years old.

Q Where is your wife? A She is out here.
Q Do you know where your wife was during the war? A Yes sir.
Q Where did she live? A In Eagletown.
Q When did you marry her? A Two years after the surrender.
Q Who married you? A Jones--
Q A minister? A Yes sir
Q Did you know her during the war? A Yes sir.
Q She lived at Eagletown did she? A Yes sir.
Q Where was she at the time the slaves were freed? A She was there; she was not in the county where I was.
Q You don't know the name of her master? A No sir.
Q But you can state positively that he was an Indian, can you? A Yes sir.
Q You are sure of that fact? A Yes sir.

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Harry C Risteen, being first duly sworn, upon his oath states: That as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all proceedings had in the above entitled cause on the 28th day of November, 1902, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes of said proceedings on said date.

Harry C Risteen

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15" day of December, 1902.

P. C. Bates

Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,
MUSKOGEE, INDIAN TERRITORY, DECEMBER 7, 1904.

In the matter of the application of William Walls, Lucy Walls, Richard Walls, Solomon Walls, Tony Walls, Ophelia Walls, Henrietta Walls, Iva Snory Walls, Zoola Walls, Isabella Walls, Edward Walls, Queen Esther Walls, Ora Walls, Earnest Walls, Columbus Walls and Hazel Walls for enrollment as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation.

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J. H. JACKSON, Attorney, DeQueen, Arkansas,
Appeared on Behalf of Applicants.

WILLIAM WALLS
Being first duly sworn testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION.

Q What is your name? A William Walls.
Q What is your post office address? A Horatio, Arkansas.
Q How old are you? A About 69 years old.
Q You really don't know your age do you? A My owner had a list of our ages; the second year after the surrender I was put down by my master as 31 years old.
Q Did you appear before the Commission in 1902? A Yes sir at Garvin.
Q You appeared at Garvin did you before the Commission, in 1902; in the Choctaw Nation, 2 years ago? A Yes sir
Q For whom did you apply at that time? A I don't understand you.
Q Did you appear before the Commission two years ago at Garvin? A Yes sir.
Q What did you tell the Commission at the time you went there to have yourself enrolled? A Yes sir.
Q Did you give the names of anybody else except yourself.

A Yes sir I give the names of me and my children.
Q Did you give the names of your children? A Yes sir.
Q Every one of them? A Yes sir.
Q Were any of your children with you at that time at Garvin?
A Yes sir, my two oldest boys were with me- Richard and Solomon..
Q Didn't the Commission tell you at that time that some of your children were over 21 years of age and that they must apply for themselves? A Yes sir.
Q Isn't it a fact that when you talked before the Commission about yourself that you only gave the name of yourself and children that were under 21 years of age. A I put all of them in, and they ask me how many were minor and I told them there was one.
Q What did they say about the others? A I think they said all of them could go on the roll.
Q Are you sure about that now? A Yes sir I think I am.
Q Didn't the Commission tell you at that time that those that were over 21 years old must look out for themselves; didn't they tell you that? A Yes sir, of course they could apply for themselves.
Q Now then they didn't apply for themselves? A No sir only Richard and Solomon.
Q That was all that applied for themselves? A Yes sir that's all.
Q Where were the other children? A They were at home; I couldn't bring them at that time; the water was up-- didn't I tell you that; I told you that I tried to bring the girls but the water was up and me and them boys went.
Q Can you read? A No sir.
Q Can you write? A No sir.
Q Did you have a lawyer to represent you at the time you appeared before the Commission at Garvin? A No sir.
Q Who was your master? A Peter Pitchlynn.
Q Whose slave were you, if you were a slave, at the beginning of the war? A Peter Pitchlynn
Q Were you a slave when the war ended? A Yes sir.
Q Whose slave were you then? A Peter Pitchlynn.
Q Where were you freed? A At the Pitchlynn farm.
Q Where was that? A Eagletown.
Q Didn't you run away during the war? A No sir I never run away; I stayed at home and drove a team during the war for the home guards.
Q Did you join the army? A No sir.
Q Where have you been living since the war? A I lived part of the time in the Choctaw Nation and part of the time in the State?
A What State? A Arkansas.
Q How long did you stay in the Choctaw Nation after the war ended? A I don't know.
Q About how long did you stay there? A About 7 years I reckon.
Q Then what did you do? A I went to Arkansas.
Q Where did you go then? A I stayed there.
Q Then where did you come to; are you living in Arkansas now?
A Yes sir.
Q Now since the time you first went to Arkansas 7 years after the war ended, you have never lived in the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nations? A No sir.

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Q You havn't lived in the Territory at all have you since?
A I lived in the Territory just like I told you.
Q When did you live in the Territory? A Directly after the surrender.
Q And you havn't lived in the Territory since that time?
A No Sir.
Q You then went to Arkansas and have been living there e ver since? A Yes sir.
Q And you are now living in Arkansas? A Yes sir.
Q Was your wife a slave? A Yes sir.
Q To whom did she belong? A She belonged to white folks.
Q What are their names? A Norwood.
Q Do you know their first names? A Ben Norwood.
Q And he was a white man? A Yes sir.
Q Who was his wife? A I don't know his wife's name.
Q Was she an Indian? A No sir she wasn't no Indian.
Q Was she a white woman? A Yes sir.
Q Now your wife Lucy was what is called a State woman isn't she? A Yes sir she was a state woman.
Q She a colored woman? A Yes sir.
Q Where was she during the war? A I don't know where she was.
Q Where did you first find her? A Down in Arkansas.
Q She never lived in the Choctaw Nation? A No sir.
Q Never lived in the Indian Territory? A No sir..
Q Were you married to Lucy? A Yes sir.
Q Were you married by a preacher? A Yes sir.
Q About how old is she now? A I reckon she's about 50 years old.
Q She's a good deal younger than you are? A Yes sir.
Q Have you got any children under 21 years old? A Yes sir I got one.
Q What is his anme? A Tony Walls.
Q How old is he now? A 19 years old.
Q Who was Tony's mother? A Lucy Walls.
Q Where was he born? A He was born in the State.
Q Born in Arkansas? A Yes sir.
Q Been living there ever since hasn't he? A Yes sir.

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Q Uncle William you are mistaken about how long you lived in the Territory arn't you; Didn't you live there longer than 7 years; wasn't you there about 20 years? A I guess I was.
Q You and your wife lived in the Territory didn't you? A Yes sir.
Q What did you tell the Gentleman that she never lived in the Territory for. You was mistaken then awhile ago when you said your wife never lived in the Territory? A I never told him that.
Q You and your wife have lived in the Territory havn't you?
A Of course.
Q You were living there at the time Tony Walls was born wasnt you? No answer.

Q How long did you live in the Territory after the surrender
A I can't tell you
Q You lived longer in the Territory than you have since you moved to the State didn't you? A I think so.
Q How happened you to be named Walls? A I took my father's name.
Q You took the name of your father instead of taking the name of your mother? A Yes sir.

BY THE COMMISSION.

Q Isn't it a fact that your wife Lucy Walls was a State nigger when you married her? A Yes sir.
Q Who is Solomon Walls? A He is my son.
Q Who is his mother? A Lucy Walls.
Q How many wives have you had? A Never had but one.

JAMES DYER

Being first duly sworn testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

Q What is your name? A James Dyer.
Q Are you a recognized Choctaw by blood? A Yes sir.
Q How old are you Mr Dyer? A I'm about 67 years old.
Q Have you always been recognized as a Choctaw? A Yes sir I was born and raised a Choctaw.
Q In the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.

The witness, James Dyer is identified on Choctaw field card 537 and is number 1151 upon the final rolls approved by the Secretary of the Interior on December 12, 1902.

Q Are you a full blood Choctaw? A Yes sir I'm a full blood.
Q Do you know William Walls, the applicant in this case?
A Yes sir
Q How long have you known him? A Been knowing him since the civil war; he is a man older than I am.
Q Do you know if he was the slave of an Indian or not? A Yes sir.
Q Whose slave was he? A Peter Pitchlynn.
Q Do you know that of your own knowledge? A Yes sir.
Q To whom did he belong at the beginning of the war? A Peter Pitchlynn.
Q Whose slave was he at the end of the war? A Peter Pitchlyn
Q Do you remember of this man Walls running away from his Master during the war? A No sir he never run away; he was always a slave of his Master.
Q Do live anywhere near Peter Pitchlynn? A About 4 miles.
Q Were you on intimate terms of acquaintanship with Peter Pitchlynn? A Yes sir same as their own family.
Q Wre you a relative of Peter Pitchlynn? A No sir not related but just good friends.
Q You know of your own knowledge that William Walls was a slave of Peter Pitchlynn? A Yes sir I know he was; I lived right close to where he lived.
Q Do you know what became of him after the war? A Well he

in the Nation a good while; just around in the neighborhood running farms a good while.

Q Did he have any family? A Yes sir he had about 5 children when he left, and since he left I heard he had one boy.

Q Did he have any children at the close of the war? A Not at the close of the war; he was married after the war.

Q He raised about 6 children in the Nation? A I think it might have been five; I suppose he knows; it might have been six.

Q He had five or six children born to him in the Nation after the close of the war? A Yes sir.

Q Do you know anything about his moving to Arkansas? A No sir I don't; I think his wife had some friends and relatives living in Arkansas and she wanted to go down there.

Q And he has lived there ever since? A Yes sir I don't know much about him until he commenced making application to this Commission.

Q Did you know his wife Lucy? A Well I did.

Q Do you know wheter she was a slave or not? A She must have been?

Q Do you know that of your own knowledge? A No sir.

Q Isn't it a fact that Lucy Walls was what is considered a State nigger? A Yes sir.

Q That was the reputation she had in the community? A Yes sir..

Q Do you know whether Lucy Walls and William Walls were ever married? A Yes sir.

Q Do you know if they lived together as husband and wife? A Yes sir.

Q You know that William walls and Lucy Walls lived together as husband and wife in the Choctaw Nation until they moved to Arkansas? A Yes sir.

Q Did you know a child of theirs called Solomon? A No sir I don't recollect their names; I know they were about the place but I don't remember any of their names if I ever know them.

Q You don't know the names of any of their children? A No sir. I knew who they were but I don't know their names.

Q Where do you live? A Eagletown.

Q In what County is that? A Eagle County.

WILLIAM WALLS
Recalled testified as follows:

Q Is Lucy Walls, your wife, and Tony Walls, your son, living to-day? A Yes sir they was when I left home.

SHEPHERD RILEY
Being first duly sworn testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION/

Q What is your name? A Shepherd Riley.

Q Are you a Choctaw freedman? A Yes sir.

Q What is your post office address? A Eagletown.

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Q How old are you? A About 54 years old.

Witness is identified on Choctaw freedman card 386 and is enrolled as number 824 on the final roll approved by the Secretary of the Interior March 6, 1903.

Q Do you know William Walls? A Yes sir.
Q How long have you known him? A I have been knowing of him all my life.
Q Did you know him during the war? A Yes sir.
Q Was he a slave during that time? A Yes sir.
Q Who did he belong to? A Peter Pitchlynn.
Q Who was he? A An Injun.
Q What kind of an Indian? A Half breed.
Q Was he a Creek, Seminole or what kind of an Indian was he
A He was a Choctaw.
Q Did William Walls belong to him at the beginning of the war
A Yes sir.
Q Do you remember the time he ran away duting the war? A No sir I don't remember anything about that.
Q Do you know whether he did or not? A No sir he didn't that I know of.
Q Where was he at the close of the war? A He was on Peter Pitchlynn's place.
Q Where was Peter Pitchlynn living at that time? A He was living on Mountain Fork.
Q What County is that? A Eagle County.
Q How long did he stay there after the war? A I just can't remember how long he stayed there; he stayed there a good while though; he stayed there long enough to have six children.
Q You say he had six children? A Yes sir.
Q About how many years after the war closed did he stay there ?
A He stayed there 15 or 20 years I expect. He was there a good while before he was married, and after he was married he had six children.
Q What became of him and his wife and children? A He went to Arkansas.
Q Been there ever since? A Yes sir been there ever since.
Q Did you know his wife? A Yes sir.
Q What was her name? A Her name was Lucy.
Q Do you know whether they were married? A Yes sir I was at the weddin.
Q When were they married? A I can't tell exactly when it was.
Q How long after the war? A I don't remember that.
Q Do you know any of his children? A Yes sir I know six of them.
Q Did you know Solomon Walls? A Yes sir.
Q Where was he born? A He was born right there in the Nation.
Q Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q What become of him? A He went to Arkansas.
Q Went along with his parents? A Yes sir.
Q Do you know Richard Walls? A Yes sir; he is the oldest boy.
Q Where was he born? A Right there at home.
Q When did he go to Arkansas? A He went with his father and mother.

Q Did you know his child called Tony Walls? A I have heard of him; I have always heard of him; I didn't know him.
Q You don't know where he was born? A He was born in the State.

BY MR JACKSON

Q If William Walls had run away during the war you would have been likely to have known of it wouldn't you? A Yes sir
Q You are sure he was a slave during the war? A Yes sir.
Q He was a slave of Peter Pitchlynn wasn't he? A Yes sir.
Q He was the slave of Peter Pitchlynn when he was freed at the end of the war wasn't he? A Yes sir.

BY THE COMMISSION.

Q Whose slave were you? A Peter Pitchlynn.
Q Did you and William Walls belong to the same Master? A Yes sir.
Q Belonged to the same man? A Yes sir
Q Were you and he both in the same yard? A Part of the time we was and part of the time we wasn't.

RICHARD WALLS
Being first duly sworn testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION.

Q What is your name? A Richard Walls.
Q How old are you? A 36 years old.
Q What relation are you to William Walls? A I am his son.
Q What is your post office address? A Brownstown, Arkansas.
Q What is your mother's name? A Lucy Walls.
Q Where were you born? A I was born at Eagletown in the Choctaw Nation.
Q How long did you live there? A I lived there about 17 years
Q Where did you go to then? A Arkansas.
Q With your father and mother? A Yes sir.
Q Been there ever since? A Yes sir.
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.
Q What is your wife's name? A Callie Walls.
Q Where were you married? A In Arkansas.
Q Was your wife a slave? A No sir not since I was knowing her.
Q Has she ever claimed any rights as a Choctaw freedman or a Chickasaw freedman? A No sir.
Q Has she ever claimed any right of any tribe in the Indian Territory? A No sir.
Q Did you have any children living on September 25, 1902?
A Yes sir.
Q What are their names? A Ophelia, Henrieta, Snory, Zoola, Andrew Edward, Isabella and Queen Esther. Snory is dead.
Q When did she die? A She died December 14, 1903.
Q Are these other children all living? A They are all living but Ruthy and Snory.

Q Were you married to Callie? A Yes sir.
Q Where were you married to her? A In Arkansas.
Q Were you married by a preacher? A Yes sir we was married by a preacher.
Q How many times have you been married? A Once.
Q What was Callie's maiden name? A Callie Carr.
Q Do you know Solomon Walls? A Yes sir.
Q What relation is he to you? A He's my brother.
Q Full brother-- same mother and father? A Yes sir.
Q What are their names? A William Walls and Lucy Walls.
Q Is Solomon Walls living? A Yes sir.
Q Why isn't he here to-day? A He was sick in bed when I left.
Q Do you know where Solomon was born? A Yes sir he was born at Eagletown.
Q How long did he live in the Choctaw Nation? A About 17 years.
Q Did he go long with your father and mother to Arkansas?
A Yes sir
Q Is he married? A Yes sir.
Q To whom is he married? A Ada Walls.
Q Does she claim any rights as a freedman of any tribe in the Territory? A No sir she never has applied.
Q Has Solomon Wall any children? A Yes sir.
Q What are the names of his children that were living September 25, 1902? A Ora, Inez, Columbus and Hazel.
Q Who is the mother of these children? A Ada Wall.
Q Was Solomon Wall married more than once? A No sir only once.
Q It is a matter of fact is it not, that your father William Walls, his wife Lucy Walls, your brother Solomon Walls, and your brother Tony Walls and yourself have been living in the State of Arkansas for at leats the past 15 years last past? A Yes sir.
Q Is it not a fact that all the children of Solomon Walls and your own children were born and raised in the State of Arkansas and have never lived in the Territory at all?
A Yes sir.

The application of Lucy Walls for enrollment as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation is withdrawn. Application granted by the Commission.

20 days given attorney for applicants in which to file briefs.

Mattie V. Vaughn states upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she correctly recorded the testimony in the above entitled cause and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

Mattie V. Vaughn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of December 1904.

Charles W. Lawyer Notary Public

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17-D-188.
17-D-200.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

COPY.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of William Walls, et al as Choctaw Freedmen, consolidating the applications of-

Richard Walls, et al 17-D-183.
Solomon Walls, et al 17-D-188.
William Walls, et al 17-D-200.

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It appears from the record herein that on November 28, 1902, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of William Walls, Lucy Walls, and their minor son, Tony Walls, seventeen years of age, Richard Walls and his minor children, Ophelia Walls, fourteen years of age, Henrietta Walls, twelve years of age, Iva Snory Walls, ten years of age, Zoola Walls, six years of age, Isabella Walls, four years of age, Edward Walls, two years of age, and Queen Ester Walls (as Sister Walls), one year of age, Solomon Walls and his minor children, Ora Walls, thirteen years of age, Earnest Walls, eight years of age, Columbus Walls, three years of age, and Hazel Walls, two years of age, as Choctaw Freedmen. Further proceedings were had in the matter of said applications at Muskogee, Indian Territory, on December 7, 1904.

It further appears from the record herein that the said William Walls was a slave of one Peter Pitchlynn, a Choctaw citizen, during and at the close of the War of the Rebellion; that at the close of the war said William Walls resided in the Choctaw Nation and continued to reside therein until about the year 1885, when he removed to the State of Arkansas, where he has continued to reside since said date up to and including September 25, 1902; that the said Lucy Walls was not a slave of a recognized Choctaw citizen, during or at the close of the War of the Rebellion, and that Tony Walls is the minor son of the said William Walls and Lucy Walls; that said Tony Walls was born in the State of Arkansas and has never resided in the Indian Territory.

It further appears from the record herein that Richard Walls was born about the year 1867, and claims the right to enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman through his father, the said William Walls; that the said Ophelia Walls, Henrietta Walls, Iva Snory Walls, Zoola Walls, Isabella Walls, Edward Walls and Queen Ester Walls are the minor children of the said Richard Walls; that said Richard Walls was born in the Choctaw Nation and resided therein until about the year 1885, when he removed to the State of Arkansas with his father, said William Walls, where he continued to reside up to and including September 25, 1902; that his said minor children were born in the State of Arkansas and have never lived in the Indian Territory.

It further appears from the record herein that the said Solomon Walls was born about the year 1869, and claims the right to enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman through his father, said William Walls; that the said Ora Walls, Earnest Walls, Columbus Walls and Hazel Walls are the minor children of the said Solomon Walls; that said Solomon Walls was born in the Choctaw Nation and resided therein until about the year 1885, when he removed to the State of Arkansas with his father, said William Walls, where he continued to reside up to and including September 25, 1902; that his said minor children were born in the State of Arkansas, and have never lived in the Indian Territory.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that William Walls, Lucy Walls, Tony Walls, Richard Walls, Ophelia Walls, Henrietta Walls, Iva Snory Walls, Zoola Walls, Isabella Walls, Edward Walls, Queen Ester Walls, Solomon Walls, Ora Walls, Earnest Walls, Columbus Walls and Hazel Walls are not entitled to be enrolled as Choctaw Freedmen, and that the application for their enrollment as such should be denied, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1898, (30 Stats., 495), and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

SIGNED Tams Bixby
Chairman.

SIGNED T. B. Needles.
Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory. SIGNED C. R. Breckinridge.
Commissioner.

17-D-200

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 23, 1905.

William Walls, COPY.

Horatio, Arkansas,

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered May 23, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of yourself, your wife, Lucy Walls, and your son, Tony Walls, as Choctaw freedmen.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as the Commission is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.
Incl. 17-D-183
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17-D-200

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 23, 1905.

J. H. Jackson,

COPY.

Attorney at Law,

DeQueen, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered May 23, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of William Walls, Lucy Walls, Tony Walls, Richard Walls, Opholia Walls, Henrietta Walls, Iva Snory Walls, Zoola Walls, Isabella Wells, Edward Walls, Queen Ester Walls, Solomon Walls, Ora Wells, Earnest Walls, Columbus Walls and Hazel Walls as Choctaw freedmen.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as the Commission is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.
Incl. 17-D-183
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 23, 1905.

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Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory,

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of this Commission, rendered May 23, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of William Walls, Lucy Walls, Tony Walls, Richard Walls, Ophelia Walls, Henrietta Walls, Iva Snory Walls, Zoola Walls, Isabella Walls, Edward Walls, Queen Ester Walls, Solomon Walls, Ora Walls, Earnest Walls, Columbus Walls and Hazel Walls as Choctaw freedmen.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as the Commission is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Incl. 17-D-183
17-D-188
17-D-200.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 23, 1903.

COPY.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior,

Sir:

There is herewith transmitted the record of proceedings in the matter of the applications for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen of William Wells, Lucy Wells, Tony Wells, Richard Wells, Ophelia Wells, Christ Wells, Ivy Henry Wells, Ella Wells, Leonella Wells, Edward Wells, Jason Aster Wells, Solomon Wells, Ora Wells, Earnest Wells, Columbus Wells and Hazel Wells, including the decision of the Commission, dated May 23, 1903, denying said applications.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

2 Encl. 17-D-199
17-D-198
17-D-200.

D-C-36520-1905.

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J.P.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, HCF-FHE

Washington, July 27, 1905.

Commissioner to the
Five Civilized Tribes,
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

May 23, 1905, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes transmitted the record in the consolidated Choctaw freedman case of William Walls, et al, involving the applications of William, Lucy, Tony, Richard, Ophelia, Henrietta, Iva Snory, Zoola, Isabella, Edward, Queen Ester, Solomon, Ora, Earnest, Columbus and Hazel Walls, including its decision of the same date, denying said applications.

Reporting July 6, 1905, the Indian Office recommends that the decision of the Commission be approved. A copy of its letter is inclosed.

The Department concurs in said recommendation, and said decision is hereby affirmed.

Respectfully,

THOS. RYAN,
Acting Secretary.

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D-C-36520-1905.

Refer in reply to the following:
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON, July 6, 190'

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior:

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose a report from the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated May 23, 1905, transmitting the record of the consolidated applications for enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen by William Walls, Lucy Walls, and their minor son, Tony Walls; by Richard Walls for himself and his minor children, Ophelia, Henrietta, Iva Snory, Zoola, Isabella, Edward and Queen Ester (as Sister) Walls; by Solomon Walls for himself and his minor children, Ora, Earnest, Columbus and Hazel Walls.

May 23, 1905, the Commission decided adversely to all the applicants.

The record shows that William Walls was a slave of a Choctaw citizen during and at the close of the war of the rebellion; that he continued to reside in the Choctaw Nation until about 1885 when he removed to the State of Arkansas where he has continued to reside up to and including September 25, 1902; that Lucy Walls was not a slave of a Choctaw citizen during or at the close of said war, and that Tony Walls isthe minor child of William and Lucy Walls, born in Arkansas and has

never lived in the Indian Territory. It further appears that Richard Walls was born about 1867 and claims right to enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman through his father, the said William Walls; that the applicants, Ophelia, Henrietta, Ira Snory, Zoola, Isabella, Edward and Queen Ester Walls are the minor children of Richard Walls; that Richard Walls was born in the Choctaw Nation and resided therein until about 1883 when he removed with his father to the State of Arkansas where he continued to reside up to and including September 25, 1902; that his said minor children were born in the State of Arkansas and have never lived in the Indian Territory.

It is further shown that Solomon Walls was born about 1869 and claims right to enrollment through his father, William Walls, that the other applicants are the minor children of Solomon Walls; that Solomon Walls was born in the Choctaw Nation and resided therein until about 1885 when he removed with his father to the State of Arkansas where he continued to reside up to and including September 25, 1902; that his children were born in the State of Arkansas and have never lived in the Indian Territory.

In view of the record the approval of the Commission's decision adverse to all the applicants is recommended.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee.

M.M.M.(W)

Acting Commissioner.

Wall et al.

REFUSED

DECISION RENDERED. MAY 23 1905

COPY OF DECISION FORWARDED ATTORNEYS FOR CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW NATIONS. MAY 23 1905

NOTICE OF DECISION FORWARDED ATTORNEY FOR APPLICANTS. MAY 23 1905

COPY OF DECISION FORWARDED APPLICANT MAY 23 1905

RECORD FORWARDED DEPARTMENT

MAY 23 1905

ACTION APPROVED BY SECRETARY OF INTERIOR. JUL 27 1905

NOTICE OF DEPARTMENTAL ACTION FORWARDED ATTORNEYS FOR CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW NATIONS. AUG -1 1905

NOTICE OF DEPARTMENTAL ACTION FORWARDED ATTORNEY FOR APPLICANT.

NOTICE OF DEPARTMENTAL ACTION MAILED APPLICANT. AUG -1 1905

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Choc FR D-204 Ann Henderson

Refused May 19, 1905

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17-D-804

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 6, 1905.

Ann Henderson,

Valliant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 30, 1905, asking if there is a chance for you to be enrolled as a Choctaw freedman.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from the records of this office that on May 19, 1905, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered its decision refusing your application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman and on June 19, 1905, this action was approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

This case is therefore considered closed.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

Department of the Interior.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
Gervin, Ind. Ter., November 28,1902.

Original
Choctaw
Freedman.

In the matter of the application of Ann Henderson for enrollment as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Ann Henderson, having been first duly sworn, upon her oath testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Ann Henderson.
Q How old are you? A About sixty.
Q What is your post office address? A Valiant, Indian Territory.
Q That is in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q How long have you lived in the Choctaw Nation? A I couldn't tell you; it has been a mighty long time.
Q Do you claim the right to enrollment as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q What was the name of your father? A Ned Hunter.
Q Is he living or dead? A He is dead; my mother and father are both dead.
Q Were you ever a slave? A Yes sir, I was a slave.
Q Was your father a slave? A Yes sir, he was a slave.
Q What was the name of his owner? A Dave Harkins, and his first owner was Joel Nail, a Choctaw.
Q What was your mother's name? A Charity Hunter.
Q What was the name of your mother's owner? A The same as my father
Q Your father and mother were both owned by the same parties?
A Yes sir.
Q Their owners were Choctaw Indians? A Yes sir.
Q You were a slave, you say? A Yes sir, under them.
Q You had the same owners that your father and mother had? A Yes sir, same owners that my father and mother had.
Q Both of these men were Choctaw Indians? A Yes sir.
Q Where were you during the war? A I was in the states.
Q In what state? A In Arkansas.
Q Were you at that time the slave of a Choctaw Indian? A Yes sir.
Q What was his name? A His name was---I done forgot the name now.
Q Was it one of these you have named before? A No sir, Edward Nail
Q He was a Choctaw Indian? A Yes sir.
Q Were they living in the state of Arkansas during the war? A No sir, they just only put me over there.
Q You were over there all during the war? A Yes sir.
Q Where were you when the slaves were freed? A I was in the state.
Q When did you return to the Choctaw Nation? A In '66.
Q Can you state what time during the year you returned? A My witnesses could tell more about it than I could.
Q Was it in the spring or fall or what time of year? A I remember it was cold weather.
Q And that was the next fall or winter after you were freed then?
A I think it was the same winter.
Q Winter of 1866? A Yes sir.
Q But you were freed over in Arkansas? A Yes sir.

Q After you returned to the Choctaw Nation , how long did you live here? A I have been here fifteen or twenty or thirty years.
Q Have you lived here ever since you came back? A Yes sir, right here and nowhere else.
Q Before this present time have you ever made application to this Commission for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman? A Yes, I think it was to this Dawes Commission.
Q Whereabouts? A Up at Standley's.
Q Where was that? A Up at Wheelock
Q Were you ever enrolled by the tribal authorities of the Choctaw Nation as a Choctaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q When were you enrolled that way? A At Doaksville, I think.
Q Have you ever been recognized as a Choctaw freedman ? A Yes, ever since I have been in this Nation.
Q Have you got any children who are under age? A I have one, my little granddaughter; she is about thirteen years old.
Q Was she ever enrolled? A Yes sir.
Q What was her name? A Carrie Garland.
Q Where was she enrolled? A Sulphur Springs.
Q Who is Ellen Henderson? A That is her grandmother.

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Harry C Risteen, being first duly sworn, upon his oath states: That as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all proceedings had in the above entitled cause on the 28th day of November, 1902, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes of said proceedings on said date.

Harry C Risteen

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of December, 1902.

P. C. Bolgiano
Notary Public.

Department of the Interior.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
Antlers, Indian Territory, Dec. 5, 1902.

Original
Choctaw
Freedman.

In the matter of the original application of Ann Henderson for enrollment as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

-----Additional Testimony-----

Elias Radford, having been duly sworn as a witness, upon his oath testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Elias Radford.
Q How old are you? A Sixty six.
Q What is your post office addres s? A Ft. Towson, Indian Territory.
Q Are you a Choctaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q Whose slave was you? A David Folsom's.
Q Do you know this applicant, Ann Henderson? A Yes sir.
Q How long have you known her? A About thirty six years I think it is.
Q Do you know whose slave she was? A Yes sir, Joel Nail's.
Q Was Joel Nail a Choctaw Indian? A Yes sir.
Q Where did he live? A He lived down below Doaksville about five miles.
Q Did you know her when she was the slave of Joel Nail? A No sir, I didn't know her then.
Q Do you remember when the war of the rebellion was on? A Yes sir.
Q Was Joel Nail living at that time? A No sir.
Q Do you know who this woman belo nged to at the time she was set free? A No sir.

By Simon E. Lewis:

Q Do you know when the estate of Joel Nail was divided up? A No sir.
Q You don't know whether one of the children got this woman or not A No sir.
Q There was about a dozen of these children? A I remember there was several of them.
Q You don't know which one of these children got this woman or whether any of them did or not? A No sir, only what she claimed, that she was owned by Dave Harkins' wife.
Q Was she enrolled in 1885 when the other Freedmen were enrolled? A Yes sir, that is what she says, that she was enrolled.

(Witness Excused)

Ann Henderson, the applicant, being first duly sworn, upon her oath testified as follows:

Examination by Simon E. Lewis:

Q Your name is Ann Henderson? A Yes sir.
Q Were you enrolled in 1885 at the time the other freedmen were enrolled? A Yes sir.

Q Were you enrolled again in 1896? A Yes sir.
Q Where were you enrolled? A At Fowlerville.
Q Where were you living when Dave Harkins turned you loose?
A I was living down in Arkansas.
Q You were sold to a man in Arkansas? A Yes sir.
Q Then at the time you were set free you were not the slave of Dave, Harkins? A No sir.
Q Dave Harkins and his wife had sold you before the war? A Yes sir.

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Harry C Risteen, being first duly sworn, upon his oath states: That as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all proceedings had in the above entitled cause on the 5th day of December, 1902, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes of said proceedings on said date.

Harry C Risteen

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of December, 1902.

T. C. Hunt

Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for enrollment of Ann Henderson as a Choctaw Freedman.

--: D E C I S I O N :--

It appears from the record herein that on November 28, 1902, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Ann Henderson as a Choctaw Freedman. Further proceedings were had in the matter of said application at Antlers, Indian Territory, on December 5, 1902.

It further appears from the record herein that the said Ann Henderson was not the slave of a recognized Choctaw citizen, during or at the close of the War of the Rebellion.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Ann Henderson is not entitled to be enrolled as a Choctaw Freedman, and that the application for her enrollment as such should be denied, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1898, (30 Stat., 495), and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Chairman.

Commissioner.

C. R. Breathitt Jr.
Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 19, 1906.

Ann Henderson,

Valliant, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam: COPY.

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered May 19, 1906, denying the application for your enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as the Commission is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Registered. Chairman.

Incl. 17-D-204.

17-D-204

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 19, 1905.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory,

COPY.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of this Commission rendered May 19, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of Ann Henderson as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as the Commission is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Incl. 17-D-204

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 19, 1905.

COPY.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is herewith transmitted the record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Ann Henderson as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commission, dated May 19, 1905, denying said application.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

2 Incl. 17-D-204.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

WASHINGTON. FHE.

I.T.D.6216-1905. June 19, 1905.
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Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

May 19, 1905, you transmitted the record in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Ann Henderson as a Choctaw freedman, including your decision of the same date, denying said application.

Reporting May 25, 1905, the Indian Office recommends that your decision be approved. A copy of its letter is inclosed.

The Department concurs in said recommendation, and your decision is hereby affirmed.

Respectfully,

E. A. Hitchcock,

Secretary.

1 inclosure.

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Refer in reply to the following:
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON. May 25, 1905.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose a report from the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated May 19, 1905, transmitting the record of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman by Ann Henderson.

May 19, 1905, the Commission decided adversely to the applicant.

The record shows that the applicant was not the slave of a recognized Choctaw citizen during or at the close of the war of the rebellion.

In view of the record the appreval of the Commission's decision adverse to the applicant is recommended.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee

Acting Commissioner.

M.M.M.
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 28, 1905.

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Ann Henderson,

Valliant, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

You are hereby notified that the Secretary of the Interior under date of June 19, 1905, affirmed the decision of this Commission, dated May 19, 1905, denying the application for your enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Chairman.

17-D-204

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 28, 1905.

COPY.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory,

Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that the Secretary of the Interior under date of June 19, 1905, affirmed the decision of this Commission, dated May 19, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of Ann Henderson as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Chairman.

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Ann Henderson

DECISION RENDERED. MAY 19 1905

REFUSED

COPY OF DECISION FORWARDED ATTORNEYS FOR CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW NATIONS. MAY 19 1905

COPY OF DECISION FORWARDED APPLICANT

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MAY 19 1905

ACTION APPROVED BY SECRETARY OF INTERIOR. JUN 19 1905

NOTICE OF DEPARTMENTAL ACTION FORWARDED ATTORNEYS FOR CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW NATIONS. JUN 28 1905

NOTICE OF DEPARTMENTAL ACTION MAILED APPLICANT

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Choc FR D-205 Isadora Davis

Refused May 6, 1905

See 17-D-21

FR D-205

Choctaw Freedmen
D 21; D 205.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 22, 1903.

I. C. Dora Davis,

Grant, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 13, 1903, asking if the enrollment of William Colbert, Georganer Shoes and I. C. Dora Davis, and Major, Lillie, Esic, Rutha, Annetter and Garfield Colbert, Henry Davis and Robbert Hicks has been approved and if they can now select their allotments.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the Commission has not yet passed upon the application of William Colbert for the enrollment of himself and his children, Lilly, Annietta, Major, Esick, Ruthie and Garfield Colbert, and the application of Isadora Davis for the enrollment of herself and her children, Henry Davis and Robert Hicks, as Choctaw freedmen. As soon as decisions are reached in these cases the applicants will benotified of the action taken therein.

The information contained in your letter is not sufficient to enable us to identify Georganna Shoes upon our records as an applicant for enrollment. If you will state when, where and under what name she made application for enrollment, the names of her parents

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and other members of her family who appeared at the same time, and such other information as you may possess which would enable us to identify her upon our records the matter of your inquiry will receive further consideration.

Relative to selection of allotments at this time by yourself and the other persons referred to in your letter you are advised that your enrollment not having been approved by the Secretary of the Interior you would not be permitted at this time to make selection of allotments.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-D-205.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 20, 1904.

Isadora Davis,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

The Commission will hold a session at the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka, Indian Territory on September 6-7, 1904, and at the Chickasaw Land Office, Tishomingo, Indian Territory on September 8-9, 1904.

If you so desire you may appear at one of the above named appointments, together with such witnesses as you may be able to procure, for the purpose of testifying relative to the rights of yourself and your children as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation, or you may appear before the Commission at its general office at Muskogee, Indian Territory at any time.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-D-21
17-D-305.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 1, 1904.

Dora Davis,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 26th ult., requesting to be advised relative to the enrollment of yourself and your father William Colbert.

You are advised it appears from our records that William Colbert and his family consisting of Lilly, Anetta, Major, Esick, Ruthie and Garfield Colbert, also Isadora Davis and her minor children Henry D. and Robert Hicks are applicants to this Commission for enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen but before the application for the enrollment of these persons can receive further consideration it will be necessary that William Colbert and Isadora Davis appear before the Commission together with such witnesses as they may be able to procure to testify relative to their rights as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation.

Such appearance may be made at the Choctaw land office, Atoka, Indian Territory September 6-7, 1904, or at the Chickasaw land office Tishomingo, Indian Territory September 8-9, 1904, or before the Commission at its general office at Muskogee, Indian Territory at any time in the near future.

It is important, however, that this matter be given prompt attention.

Respectfully,

17-D-208

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 24, 1906.

Iola Dora Davis,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of September 15, 1906, describing certain land which you desire to select in allotment and requesting that no one be permitted to file on same.

In reply to your letter you are advised that on May 6, 1905, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered a decision refusing the application for the enrollment of yourself and your two children as Choctaw freedmen and on June 27, 1905, this action was approved by the Department.

This office cannot therefore make any note of your claim to the land described in your letter as it is not apparent that you are in any manner entitled to possessory rights of the tribal property in the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nations.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-D-205

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 1, 1907.

Isadora Davis,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 23, 1907, in which you ask for information regarding your improvements as you state some one has filed on your land.

In reply to your letter you are advised that on May 6, 1905, the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered a decision refusing the application for the enrollment of Isadora Davis as a Choctaw freedman and on the same date the record in this case was forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior. June 8, 1905, this action was approved by the Department, and you are in no manner entitled to share in the tribal property of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

Department of the Interior.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes/
Antlers, Indian Territory, December 2, 1902.

Original
Choctaw Freedman.

In the matter of the original application of Isadora Davis for the enrollment of herself and her two minor children, Henry Davis, and Robert Hicks, as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation.

Isadora Davis, having been first duly sworn, upon her oath testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Isadora Davis.
Q How old are you? A I couldn't tell exactly how old I am.
Q What is about your age? A Between thirty three and thirty four years old, I guess.
Q What is your post office address? A Grant, Indian Territory.
Q How long have you lived in the Choctaw Nation? A I have lived in here all my days nearly but about seven years.
Q Where were you during that seven years? A I was in Texas.
Q W at time was that? A I went away from here in 1891 in December.
Q And stayed in Texas for seven years? A Yes sir.
Q What was the date of your return? A I couldn't tell you; I came back Christmas Monday.
Q You came back in 1898? A Yes sir, I know it was seven years.
Q You came back in December 1898? A Yes sir, I reckon so.
Q Since that time have you lived here in the territory continuously? A Ever since, any more than going back on a visit.
Q What was the name of your father? A William Colbert.
Q Is he living or dead? A He is living.
Q Is he a Freedman? A Yes sir, that is what they say.
Q Of what Nation? A He says he is a Chickasaw Freedman.
Q What was the name of your mother? A Blanche Colbert---She has been married since she and father separated and she is Blanche Henderson now.
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.
Q Is she a freedman? A No sir.
Q Non citizen? A Yes sir.
Q What Nation do you claim freedman rights in? A I don't know sir.
Q Do you now wish to make application as a freedman of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation? A Choctaw.

By Simon Lewis, Choctaw Commission:

Q Who did your father belong to? A Sampson Folsom and Kittie Folsom.
Q Did he come to Sampson through his wife Kittie Colbert?
A I don't know sir.

By the Commission:

Q You claim your right to enrollment through your father?
A Yes sir.

Q Was your father a slave? A Yes sir, that is what he said.
Q What was the name of his master? A Sampson Folsom and Kittie Folsom.
Q Were they Indians? A I don't know sir.
Q Do you know where they lived? A No sir.
Q You don't know anything about them? A No sir.

The name of the applicant's father, William Colbert, appears upon the records of the Commission on Choctaw Freedman Card D-21.

Q Are you married? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your husband? A Anderson Davis.
Q Is he a freedman? A No sir.
Q Have you any children? A Yes sir, two.
Q What are their names? A Henry Davis.
Q How old is Henry Davis? A Eight years old.
Q What is the name of the other? A Robert Hicks.
Q How old is he? A Nine years old.
Q Are these the only children you have living? A Yes sir.
Q Was the father of Robert Hicks a freedman? A Non citizen.
Q Were you ever recognized or enrolled by the tribal authorities of the Choctaw Nation as a Freedman? A Yes sir.
Q Where were you so recognized? A In 1885 at old Goodland.
Q Have you ever been enrolled since that time? A No sir, when they had the next enrollment I was in Texas. I written to papa to have me enrolled and I don't know whether he did so or not.
Q Where were you at the time the Dawes Commission was enrolling freedmen? A I was here.
Q Why didn't you apply at that time? A I didn't never appear before them.
Q Why didn't you appear at the same time the rest of your family appeared? A I didn't get a full understanding of it
Q Were you living in the territory at that time? A Yes sir.

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Harry C Histeen being first duly sworn upon his oath states That as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all proceedings had in the above entitled cause on the 2nd day of December, 1902, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes of said proceedings on said date.

Harry C Histeen

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6 day of December, 1902

P. C. Bolger
Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the applidation for the enrollment of William Colbert et al. as Choctaw Freedmen, consolidating the applications of

William Colbert et al.	17 D 21
Isadora Davis et al.	17 D 205
Georgia Ann Riley	17 D 177

D E C I S I O N .

It appears from the record herein that on May 8, 1899, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of William Colbert and his minor children, Lilly Colbert, fifteen years of age, Amietta Colbert, twelve years of age, Major Colbert, sixteen years of age, Esick Colbert, thirteen years of age, Ruthie Colbert, eleven years of age, and Garfield Colbert, eight years of age, as Choctaw Freedmen; that on December 2, 1902, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Isadora Davis (daughter of William Colbert) and her minor children, Henry Davis, eight years of age, and Robert Hicks, nine years of age, as Choctaw Freedmen, and that on December 4, 1902, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Georgia Ann Riley (daughter of William Colbert) as a Choctaw Freedman: Further proceedings were had in the matter of said applications at Goodwin, Indian Territory, on May 10, 1899, and at Atoka, Indian Territory, on September 7, 1904.

It further appears from the record herein that the said William Colbert was a slave of one Sampson Folsom, a recognized Choctaw citizen, during and at the close of the War of the Rebellion.

On an examination of the 1896 Choctaw Freedmen Census Roll, the names of the said William Colbert and his two daughters, Lilly Colbert and Amietta Colbert, are found thereon, Kiamitia County, numbered 980, 974 and 976 respectively.

It further appears from the record herein that the said William Colbert, through whom all other applicants herein claim was not a resident in either the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation at the date of the Treaty of Fort Smith.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that William Colbert, Lilly Colbert, Amietta Colbert, Major Colbert, Esick Colbert, Ruthie Colbert, Garfield Colbert, Isadora Davis, Henry Davis, Robert Hicks and Georgia Ann Riley are not entitled to be enrolled as Choctaw Freedmen, and that the applications for their enrollment as such should be denied, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stat., 495), and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
(Signed) Tams Bixby,
Chairman.
(Signed) T. B. Needles,
Commissioner.
(Signed) C. R. Breckinridge.
Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,
May 6 1905

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17-D-205

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 6, 1905.

Isadora Davis,

Grant, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered May 6, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of yourself and children, Henry Davis and Robert Hicks as Choctaw freedmen.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as the Commission is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED T. B. Needles.

Chairman. Commissioner in Charge.

Registered.

Incl. 17-D--21
17-D-205
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 6, 1905.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory,

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of this Commission rendered May 6, 1905, denying the applications for the enrollment of William Colbert, Lilly Colbert, Amietta Colbert, Major Colbert, Esick Colbert, Ruthie Colbert, Garfield Colbert, Isadora Davis, Henry Davis, Robert Hicks andGeorgia Ann Riley as Choctaw freedmen.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as the Commission is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED T. B. Needles.

Chairman.
Commissioner in Charge.

Incl. 17-D--21
17-D-205
17-D-177

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 6, 1905.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is herewith transmitted the record of proceedings in the matter of the applications for the enrollment of William Colbert, Lilly Colbert, Amiotta Colbert, Major Colbert, Enick Colbert, Ruthie Colbert, Garfield Colbert, Isadora Davis, Henry Davis, Robert Hicks and Georgia Ann Riley as Choctaw freedmen, including the decision of the Commission, dated May 6, 1905, denying said applications.

Respectfully,

Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Commissioner in Charge

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REFUSED

DECISION RENDERED.

COPY OF DECISION FORWARDED ATTORNEYS FOR CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW NATIONS.

COPY OF DECISION FORWARDED APPLICANT

ACTION APPROVED BY SECRETARY OF INTERIOR.

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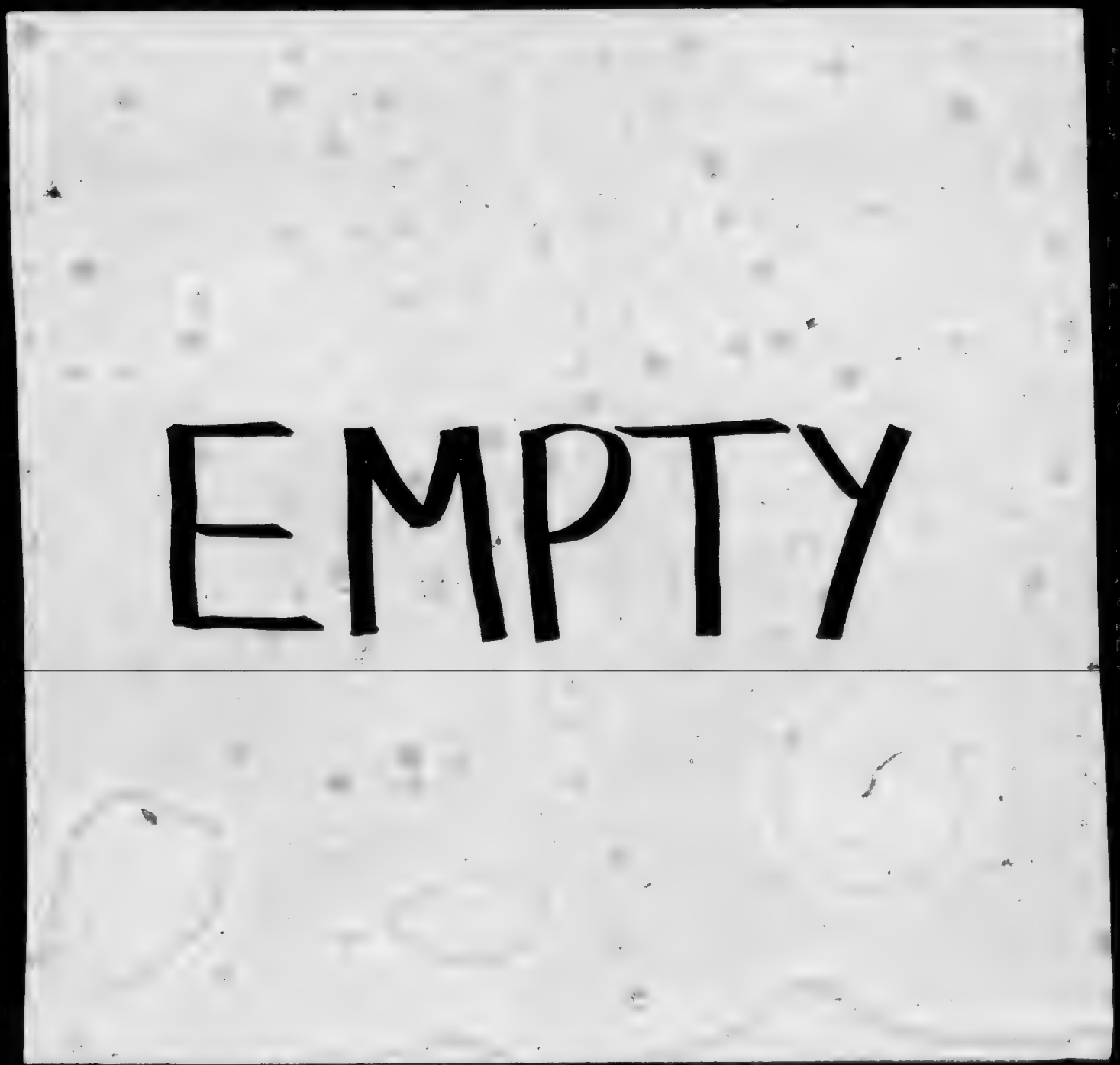
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JUN -8 1905

NOTICE OF DEPARTMENTAL ACTION ATTACHED HEREIN

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Refer to 17-11-21


EMPTY

Choc FR D-207 Jim Brown

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FR D-207

17-D-207.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 20, 1904.

John Brown,

Frogville, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

The Commission will hold a session at the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka, Indian Territory on September 6-7, 1904, and at the Chickasaw Land Office, Tishomingo, Indian Territory on September 8-9, 1904.

If you so desire you may appear at one of the above named appointments, together with such witnesses as you may be able to procure, for the purpose of testifying relative to your right as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, or you may appear before the Commission at its general office at Muskogee, Indian Territory at any time.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-D-207.

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Respectfully,

Chairman.

Choctaw Freedman
D 207

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 2, 1904.

Jim Brown,

Frogville, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 23, asking why your name appears on the doubtful list, and if your enrollment cannot be approved.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the Commission has not yet passed upon your application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, but as soon as a decision is reached in your case you will be notified of the action taken thereon. In the event further evidence is necessary to determine whether or not you are entitled to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman you will be advised thereof.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

D. C. 12854-1907. W.H.M. JP.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON. March 4, 1907.

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LRS.
DIRECT.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Your decisions in the following Choctaw citizenship cases, adverse to the applicants, are hereby affirmed. Copies of Indian Office letters, submitting your reports and recommending that the decisions be affirmed, are enclosed herewith:

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Hula Lewis (Freedman),	February 14, 1907.
Henry Adams (Freedman)	February 14, 1907.
Mattie Doak (intermarriage),	February 13, 1907.
Clyde R. Coleman (by blood),	February 21, 1907.
Alice Chatman (Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
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Mary A. Crowder (intermarriage),	February 26, 1907.
Cally Reives (Freedman),	February 26, 1907.
W. J. Miller, et al. (Miss. Choc.),	February 7, 1903.
Henry Pruitt, et al.,	February 25, 1907.

A copy hereof and all the papers in the above mentioned cases have been sent to the Indian Office.

Respectfully,

E. A. Hitchcock,

Secretary.

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WCF. 3-4-07.

Refer in reply to the following:
Land: 19637-1907.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON, March 1, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is forwarded herewith report of Commissioner Bixby, dated February 21, 1907, relative to the application for the enrollment of Jim Brown as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner of February 21, 1907, denying the application.

The Office has examined the record in this case and finds the conclusions of the Commissioner to be correct, and his decision denying the application is recommended for approval.

Very respectfully,

C.F.Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
Antlers, Ind. Ter., December 3,1902.

Original
Choctaw
Freedman.

In the matter of the original application of Jim Brown for enrollment as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Jim Brown, having been first duly sworn, upon his oath testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Jim Brown.
Q How old are you? A Twenty five.
Q What is your post office address? A Woodland, Texas, I live in Texas now.
Q How long have you lived in the state of Texas? A Three years.
Q Have you lived there continuously for the past three years? A Yes sir.
Q Where did you live before that? A In the Nation.
Q How long did you live in the Nation? A Twenty some odd years.
Q Lived there all your life until you moved to Texas? A Yes sir.
Q Texas at the present time is your permanent home, is it? A Yes sir.
Q What was the name of your father? A Alex Brown.
Q Is he living or dead? A Dead.
Q What was the name of your mother? A Nancy Nelson.
Q Is she living or dead? A Dead.
Q Were both of your parents freedmen? A Yes sir.
Q What Nation did they belong to? A Choctaw Nation.
Q Both of them? A Yes sir.
Q What was the name of your father's owner? A Joel Everidge.
Q Was he a Choctaw Indian? A Yes sir.
Q What was the name of your mother's owner? A Bill Turnbull.
Q Was he a Choctaw Indian? A Yes sir.
Q What was the name of your grandfather on your mother's side? A I don't know sir.
Q Do you know the name of your grandfather or grandmother? A No sir.
Q Did Joel Everidge your father's master live in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q Where was his home? A Down here about Goodwater.
Q Was your father his slave before and during the war? A Yes sir.
Q Where was your father freed? A Down at Goodwater.
Q On Joel Everidge's place? A I don't know sir, down there somewhere.
Q Do you know whether he was the slave of Joel Everidge when the slaves were freed? A Yes sir.
Q Where did Bill Turnbull live? A He lived down there too.

Q Was your mother freed on his place? A Yes sir.
Q Did she live there during the war? A Yes sir.
Q Do you wish to make application for enrollment as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q Have you ever been recognized or enrolled by the tribal authorities of the Choctaw Nation as a Freedman of that tribe? A Yes sir, when I was small.
Q Where was that? A Down at Goodwater and Goodland.
Q Do you know what year that was? A No sir.
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your wife? A Belle Brown.
Q Is she a freedman of any tribe? A No sir.
Q Non citizen? A Yes sir.
Q Have you any children? A No sir.

By Simon E. Lewis, Choctaw Commissioner:

Q Were you born when the slaves were turned loose? A No sir.
Q You were born since that? A Yes sir.

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Harry C Risteen, being first duly sworn, upon his oath states: That as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all proceedings had in the above entitled cause on the 3rd day of December, 1902, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes of said proceedings on said date.

Harry C Risteen

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of December, 1902.

W. C. Hunnicutt

Notary Public.

17-D-207.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 12, 1905.

Jim Brown,

Frogville, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for your enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman, you are advised that before disposition can be made of said application, it will be necessary for you to appear in person before the Commission at its office in Muskogee, Indian Territory, together with such witnesses as you may be able to procure for the purpose of testifying relative to your right to be enrolled as a Choctaw Freedman.

Such appearance should be made at the earliest date possible, in order that disposition may be made of your application.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-D-207.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 1, 1905.

Jim Brown,

Woodland, Texas.

Dear Sir:

On April 12, 1905 you were advised by this office that in the matter of the application for your enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman it was necessary for you to appear in person at this office at Muskogee, Indian Territory, together with such witnesses as you might be able to procure, for the purpose of testifying relative to your right to be enrolled as a Choctaw freedman.

You are again advised that such appearance should be made at the earliest date possible, in order that proper disposition may be made of your application.

Respectfully,

Acting
Commissioner.

17-D-207.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 31, 1906.

James Brown,

Frogville, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of October 22, 1906, asking when you can file on your land.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it will be necessary that you appear at this office relative to your right to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman accompanied by witnesses who know your parents and know that you are the child of a Choctaw freedman and who can also testify as to the residence of your parents at the date of the treaty of Fort Smith.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-D-207.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Jim Brown as a Choctaw freedman.

-: D E C I S I O N :-

It appears from the record herein that on December 3, 1902, Jim Brown made application to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Antlers, Indian Territory, for the enrollment of himself as a Choctaw freedman.

Although ample opporutnity has been afforded the applicant to show by satisfactory evidence that he is entitled to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, he has failed to do so.

I am of the opinion that following the ruling of the Department in the case of Eliza J. Bryant et al. (I.T.D. 544-1904), William Rector (I.T.D. 1468-1904), Minnie Duncan, et al. (I.T.D. 1470-1904), Samantha Chambers (I.T.D. 2296-1904), Ed Williams (I.T.D. 4230-1904), Moses Ross (I.T.D. 6056-1904), Florence Bratcher (I.T.D. 12692-1904) and Frankie Grimmett (I.T.D. 17902-1905), the application for the enrollment of Jim Brown as a Choctaw freedman should be denied, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 21, 1907.

Jim Brown,

Woodland, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 21, 1907, denying the application for your enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.

Incl. 17-D-207

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 21, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

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Respectfully,

SIGNED

Commissioner.

Incl. 17-D-207

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 21, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior:

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Jim Brown as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 21, 1907, denying said application.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

2 Incl.
Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

D. C. 12854-1907. W.H.M. - JP.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON. March 4, 1907.

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E. A. Hitchcock,

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Refer in reply to the following:
Land: 19637-1907.

COPY

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON, March 1, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

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The Office has examined the record in this case and finds the conclusions of the Commissioner to be correct, and his decision denying the application is recommended for approval.

Very respectfully,

C.F.Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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17-D-207

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 13, 1907.

Jim Brown,

Woodland, Texas.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on March 4, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of February 21, 1907, denying the application for your enrollment as a Chootaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-D-207

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 13, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

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Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Department of the Interior.
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,
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Jim Brown,

Woodland, Texas.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

17-D-207

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Woodland, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 21, 1907, denying the application for your enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Registered.

Incl. 17-D-207

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NOTICE OF DEPARTMENTAL ACTION
FORWARDED ATTORNEYS FOR CHOCTAW
AND CHICKASAW NATIONS. APR 13 1907

NOTICE OF DEPARTMENTAL
ACTION ANT. APR 13 1907

Choc FR D-208 Ida Guest

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17-3-208.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 20, 1904.

Ida Guest,

Hampden, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of yourself and your children as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation, it will be necessary for you to appear in person before the Commission, together with such witnesses as you may be able to procure, for the purpose of testifying relative to the rights of yourself and your children as such freedmen.

You are, therefore, requested to appear before the Commission at its general office at Muskogee, Indian Territory, as soon as possible; or you may appear at the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka, Indian Territory on September 6-7, 1904; or at the Chickasaw Land Office, Tishomingo, Indian Territory on September 8-9, 1904.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-D-203

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 7, 1905.

Ida Guest,

Hamden, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of yourself and your minor child, Peter Ward, you are advised that the record in this case is insufficient to determine whether you are the daughter of Abe Ward, a Choctaw freedman, and that it will be necessary for further evidence to be produced, showing that you are the child of said Abe Ward and so recognized by him.

You are advised that this evidence should be introduced at this office as early as possible. A notice has also been forwarded your mother, Annie Ward, Nelson, Indian Territory, on this date.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

17-D-208

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 12, 1906.

Ida Guess,

Kent, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of September 10, 1906, asking if you have been approved.

In reply to your letter you are advised that no action has yet been taken in the matter of the application of Ida Guest for the enrollment of herself and her son Peter Ward as Choctaw freedmen, but when a decision is reached in this case you will be notified of the action taken therein.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-D-208

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 9, 1906.

Ann Ward,

Nelson, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 1, 1906, asking the status of the application for the enrollment of your children and minor heirs of Abe Ward as Choctaw freedmen.

In reply to your letter you are advised that no action has yet been taken in the matter of the application for the enrollment of your children as Choctaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,
ATOKA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
September 7, 1904.

17-D-208.

In the matter of the enrollment of Ida Guest as a Choctaw Freedman.

Charley Guest, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Q. What is your name? A. Charley Guest.
Q. You are the second husband of Ida Guest? A. No, sir, the first one.
Q. What do you know about this case? What is your name? A. Charley Guest.
Q. What relation are you to Ida Guest? A. Her husband.
Q. Have you any children? A. By her? Yes, sir.
Q. Their names? A. Isaac and Ike.

(Witness is identified on Choctaw Freedman card #1166, also the children, Isaac and Ike.)

Q. Has she a child called Peter? A. Yes, sir, Peter Ward.
Q. Where is that child living? A. [illegible].
Q. Where do you live? A. Near Hugo.
Q. Peter Ward is Ida Guest's child? A. Yes, sir.
Q. And he is living with you? A. Yes, sir.
Q. Who is Ida Guest's mother? A. Ann Ward.
Q. Where is Ann Ward? A. Right here.

Witness excused.

Elsie E. Ashton, being first duly sworn, states that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she correctly reported the proceedings above and this is a full, true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes.

Elsie E. Ashton.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of September, 1904.

J. H. Campbell
Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
Muskogee, I. T. February 13, 1906.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Ida Guest and her minor child Peter Ward, as Choctaw freedmen.

APPEARANCES:

Annie Ward and Israel Colbert, witnesses on behalf of the applicants.

Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations represented by G. Rosenwinkle of Mansfield, McMurray and Cornish.

ANNIE WARD, being first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

By the Commissioner:

Q What is your name? A My name is Annie Ward.
Q Annie Ward; how old are you? A Well about 40-- I am guessin' about my age; about 41, I guess.
Q Where do you live? A I live down there at Nelson's Station.
Q In what Nation? A What Nation? In the Choctaw Nation.
Q Are you a Choctaw or Chickasaw? A No Sir, I wasn't a Chickasaw. My mother is a Cherokee.
Q You never have had any rights at all as a citizen? A Yes sir.
Q Well you never have been enrolled as a Choctaw or Chickasaw freedman and received an allotment? A No sir.
Q Are you on the rolls as a citizen? A Yes sir, I haven't-- but I am a citizen.
Q Is the applicant in this case, Ida Guest your daughter? A Yes sir.
Q How old is Ida Guest? A I guess she is about 20-- 19 or 20 years old I reckon; I can't count her age up.
Q Who is the father of Ida Guest? A Israel Colbert.
Q Was you ever married to Israel Colbert? A No sir; we lived the same as man and wife.
Q What is your maiden name? A My maiden name?
Q Your name before you were married? A Before I was married; I guess I went by Annie Lowery; yes sir.
Q Your name now is Annie Ward? A Yes sir.
Q That is your married name, is it? A Yes sir.
Q Are you married to a man named Ward? A Yes sir; that is my first husband.
Q What is his name? A His name is Abe Ward.
Q When was you married to Abe Ward? A Well, I can't exactly tell, but it has been a long time.
Q About how long ago? A I reckon about 30 years since I was married.

Q How long have you lived with Abe Ward? A I lived with him plum up untill death.
Q How long has he been dead? A He has been dead about 9 years-- eight or nine years.
Q How old a girl was you when you married Abe Ward?
A Just twelve years old.
Q And you lived with Abe Ward as his wife up until the time he died?
A Yes sir, I lived with him as his wife, but he left me a while, but he came back after a while and I still lived with him up until his death.
Q Abe Ward is a states nigger, wasn't he? A No sir, he was a Choctaw nigger.
Q How many children did you have by Abe Ward? A I have got Dollie, Mary, Arthur, Henry and Walter-- well Mandy, she is the oldest one, but she is married; I am just tellin' you.
Q Was Abe Ward the father of this girl Ida Guest? A No sir.
Q You have never married to Israel Colbert? A No sir; we weren't married.
Q Now your daughter Ida Guest testified before the Dawes Commission in December 1902-- A Yes sir.
Q That she was your daughter by Abe Ward; now you bring this man Israel Colbert up here and testify that Israel Colbert is the father of Ida Guest? A Yes sir. You know-- you see-- she didn't know how to make this application. Abe Ward raised this girl up till his death, but he made a mistake, and I am correcting the mistake. She is a freedman.
Q Israel Colbert is enrolled as a freedman, isn't he? A Yes sir.
Q And he is too? A Yes sir; he was enrolled the same time my daughter's children was.
Q Haven't you also made an application yourself to this Commission for the enrollment of your children by Abe Ward? A Yes sir.
Q Now those children haven't been enrolled yet, have they?
A Yes sir; all of my children is enrolled-- right here at this place.

It appears from the records of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes that the witness Annie Ward made application for the enrollment of her minor children Lewis, Dollie, Mary, Arthur, Henry and Walter Ward as Choctaw freedmen at Muskogee, Indian Territory on August 22, 1902.

Q How much older is your boy Lewis Ward than this girl Ida Guest?
A Well I reckon about two years older.
Q Now who is the father of Lewis Ward? A His father is a Choctaw.
Q Well, what is his name? A It is LeFlore.
Q Now didn't you testify when you were before the Commission in August 1902 that Abe Ward was the father of all these children?
A I testified that he had recognized them all there-- I did as I was told; I didn't know how to make an application any more than this chair here.
Q Now at the time you appeared before the Dawes Commission to have your children enrolled, didn't you swear in answer to the question as to who was the father of these children, that their father was Abe Ward? A That is what they told me at that time-- I didn't understand---
Q Well, can't you understand a plain question that is asked?
A Yes sir.

Q When I ask who is the father of these children, can't you understand it? A I understand it now.
Q Well who is the father of these children? A Well, Abe Ward is the father, but Lewis and Ida, they are different; that is all.
Q Now at the time you went before the Dawes Commission, when you were here in August 1902, you were asked this question; are you willing to positively swear that each one of these children is the child of yours and this man Abe Ward?
A I didn't understand that, at all.
Q You didn't understand that at all? A No sir.
Q Do you understand these questions that are being asked you now?
A Yes sir, I understand it now, but I didn't understand it then.
Q What is the matter? A I don't know; ignorance, I guess.
Q Well, have you learned these things since you testified two years ago; you didn't know who the father of these children were two years ago? A I knew it, but I didn't know how to make application until I was told.
Q You were asked who was the father of these children-- A I don't know---
Q Here's your sworn testimony of it; your daughter Ida Guest swears that Abe Ward was her father. A Well she didn't know.
Q Well how do you know now? A She was gone from me-- she didn't know; she wasn't with me. She just didn't know. But she come here the other day.
Q You answer my question; we want YOUR testimony. You realize you have made a good many contradictory statements as to who was the father of these children? A I didn't understand it; that is what they told me.
Q Who told you? A Israel Colbert told me to; he said they followed my name so all the children went in my name, so I had to do it.
Q So Israel Colbert told you to swear that these children were the children of Abe Ward? A I got him to show me how to make application, and he said to make it in my husband's name. All the children had to make application in my husband's name; they followed Abe Ward's name; Abe Ward raised them.
Q Which two was that? A Lewie and Ida.
Q Wasn't you the wife of Abe Ward when Lewis and Ida were born?
A No sir, I wasn't--
Q Now didn't you testify a few minutes ago that you married and lived with Abe Ward when you were twelve years old and lived with him until his death nine years ago? A Yes.
Q Now what do you mean by swearing that you were not married to Abe Ward when these two children Lewis Ward and Ida Guest were born? A Yes-- he wasn't with me right at the same time, but he come back home then lived with me up until death, and recognized all of these children till plum up to death. That is what I told you a while ago Mr. and that he was the first husband and my last.
Q He was the only husband you ever had? A Yes sir.
Q Well where was Abe Ward when these children were born?
A Right here--- at Atoka.
Q Wasn't you living with him? A No sir-- he was living at Atoka.

Q Now where were you living? A I was living down there close to Nelson's.
Q How far was that from Atoka? A About forty miles.
Q Were you ever divorced from Abe Ward? A No sir, I never was divorced from him; that is the reason I come home.
Q Now do you say you are the lawful wife of Abe Ward and that you were never divorced from him; that you had two of these children by two other men? A Yes sir.
Q How are you going to prove that? A You mean that I lived with him until death?
Q We will admit that you lived with Abe Ward, that you were married to him--- A He was my first husband and my last.
Q How can you establish the fact that two of the children were not lawfully born of Abe Ward? Your testimony--- A I didn't bring it here.
Q It is your own sworn testimony; I brought it here today, but-- four years ago you swore to the--- A Abe Ward has recognized those children up till death, and I was told to make---
Q You are saying the same thing over and over again; you don't get down to the facts; that Abe Ward was the father of all these children; that the statements that you now attempt to make that the children of--- (Interuption)
Q I want to know how you are going to reconcile that?
A Well, I don't know; I can't reconcile those two statements.

By G. Rosenwinkle:

Q Do you know you are coming up here and swearing falsely? A No sir.
Q You aren't swearing falsely? A No sir, I don't swear falsely.
Q How many men did you live with down there all together?
A I didn't live with but two at the time Abe left me. I have got the papers to show for it-- that I must go and make a new application for them.
Q You say now that Israel told you to go before the Commission and swear falsely? A No sir, he told me that was the way to make the application; he said that was the way to make application.
Q Your statement to the Commission now is that you knew that Abe wasn't the father of these children, but that Israel told you to go and tell the Commissioner a lie and swear falsely? A No sir, he said---
Q And you went before the Commissioner and made out differently when you knew better? A No sir, I didn't know better,----
Q I'm not talking about application now; I am talking about who was the father of these children? A Well, I done told you; Abe Ward he raised them.
Q I want you to explain why you went before the Commissioner and swearing false statements under your oath? A I didn't know any better.
Q You didn't know any better; do you know any better now?
A Yes sir, I know better now.

ISRAEL COLBERT, being first duly sworn, testifies as follows:

By the Commissioner

Q What is your name? A Israel Colbert.
Q How old are you? A Fifty-two years old.
Q Where do you live? A Kiamitia County, Choctaw Nation.
Q What is your postoffice address? A Nelson postoffice.
Q Are you a Choctaw or Chickasaw freedman? A Choctaw.
Q Have you been enrolled? A Yes sir.
Q Have you received an allotment? A Yes sir.
Q Do you know Annie Ward? A Yes sir.
Q How long have you known her? A Since she was a little girl.
Q What is the name of Annie Ward's oldest child? A Doney, I think.
Q Who is the father of Doney Ward? A So said, Abe Ward.
W What is the name of Annie Ward's next oldest child? A Mandy.
Q Who was her father? A Abe Ward.
Q What is the name of Annie Ward's next oldest child? A Ida.
Q What is her present name? A Ida Guest.
Q How old is Ida? A I don't know-- about twenty-one or twenty-two.
Q Who is the father of Ida Guest? A She said I was.
Q When was Ida Guest born? A I don't know; about twenty-one or twenty-two years ago; about that long, I guess- I think.
Q Where were you living at that time? A I was living in Jack Fork County.
Q Did you ever live with this woman Annie Ward? A Yes sir.
Q How long did you live with her? A About a year, I expect; about that long.
Q What years? A I don't remember; I never paid any attention; about twenty-one or twenty-two years ago-- about that long.
Q Did you know Abe Ward? A Yes sir.
Q Where was Abe Ward at the time you were living with his wife, Annie Ward? A I don't know.
Q Was you married? A I am now.
Q Were you married at that time? A No.
Q Who was this man Abe Ward? A He was a citizen of the Choctaw Nation-- freedman.
Q Who did he belong to? A To Eden Ward, I suppose.
Q This woman Annie Ward, was she a Choctaw freedman? A Cherokee.
Q Are you living with this woman, Annie Ward now? A No sir.
Q Do you know anything of the marriage of Abe Ward and Annie Ward.
A I don't know anything of it.
Q Didn't you testify before the Commission in reference to the enrollment of the children of Annie Ward, here at Muskogee in 1902? A Yes sir.
Q Was you asked who the father of her children was at that time?
A Yes sir.
Q What did you say? A I say Abe Ward; I didn't know whether he was or not. That's my statement; I don't know to this day whether he is or not.
Q Well hasn't this girl Ida Guest always been known as the child of Abe Ward; didn't Annie Ward testify that Abe Ward was the father of this girl? A I don't know; I didn't know anything about it until I come here the other day.
Q You state now that this girl Ida, the daughter of Annie Ward, always went by the name of Colbert. A Yes sir, up to that time she went by the name of Colbert; she was first enrolled in Colbert's name.
Q Now why didn't you tell the Commission that when they asked you these same questions three years ago?

A I didn't have anything to do with Ida Colbert; she wasn't of age .
Q Well didn't you ask about all of Abe Ward's children? A No sir I told the Commissioner I didn't know whether they was Abe Ward's or not; that is what I told him; that is my statement to the Commission, but so said they were his children.
Q Now Ida Guest, when she testified before the Commission, stated her father was Abe Ward. A I didn't know about that until the other day.
Q Have you got any financial interest in this matter? A No sir, just any more than what I have the other day. The Commissioners wrote to her if she could prove her father was a Choctaw freedman, she could be enrolled.
Q Now that is the reason that you and Ida Guest come back here now to swear that you are her father and you are enrolled as a Choctaw freedman? A I didn't come to do that.
Q Well now, I will ask you if up until the time that you found out that this girl Ida Guest could not be enrolled, or had not been enrolled as a daughter of Abe Ward, that the fact that you were her father had never been mentioned?
A I don't know how about the Commission, but it was mentioned in our neighborhood there all the time.
Q Now as a matter of fact, didn't you and Annie Ward and Ida Guest, all of you testify here before the Dawes Commission, that Abe Ward was the father of all of Annie Ward's children?
A I don't know; she wasn't a minor child-- I never called her name in-- Annie Ward's minor children so said.
Q Are you living with Annie Ward now? A No sir.
Q Well how did you happen to come up here? A Well the Commissioner wrote to her if her father would come and swear to her she would be enrolled.

By G. Rosenwinkle:

Q Who was this letter written by? A I don't know.
Q Did you see the letter? A No sir.
Q Do you know in whose possession the letter is now? A No, I-- I think it is in her possession now.
Q Who, Ida Guest? A Yes.
Q Have you lived with this woman Annie Ward any since Abe Ward is dead? A No sir.
Q Who paid your way up here today? A Paid my way? paid it myself.
Q You paid it yourself? A Yes sir. Ida furnished part of the money.
Q You go around as a rule and pay money out of your pocket to testify for other people's children? A No.
Q How many men lived with this woman Annie Ward? A I don't make it my business.
Q You better make it something of your business. You don't know anything about that? A No sir.
Q Never heard anything of that kind said? A I have heard it.
Q Her reputation in that neighborhood was that a good many were about and around? A I heard it said.
Q You haven't as a matter of fact said whether this child Ida is your child or not? A I suppose she is.
Q Israel, you were present before the Commission in August 1902, here at Muskogee; you testified at that time, did you not?
A I guess it was that time; yes I testified before the Commission.

Q Annie Ward testified also at that time, did she not? A Yes sir.
Q Annie Ward knew who her children were at that time? A Yes sir.
Q Did you at that time induce her to appear before the Commission and tell her to swear falsely? A No sir.
Q You didn't tell her that she would have to have these children enrolled as Ward's children? A I told her to have Ward's children enrolled as his children; I didn't tell her to have any other children.
Q Did you make any statements at all as to how to have her testify?
A I only told her to have Ward's children enrolled.
Q What other men have been said to have lived with this woman?
A I can't tell you?
Q You have heard it? A I couldn't tell you.
Q You state you have heard that other men have lived with her?
A I couldn't state what ones--- one man LeFlore, it is so said.
Q What other men? A That is all I know.

Witness excused.

Josephine R. Pratt, a stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, on oath states that she correctly reported the proceedings had in the above entitled cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

Josephine R. Pratt

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of February, 1906.

Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment as Choctaw freedmen of Lewis Ward, et al. consolidating the applications of :

Lewis Ward, et al. 17 D 158
Ida Guest, et al. 17 D 208.

D E C I S I O N .

It appears from the record herein that on August 22, 1902, Annie Ward, a non citizen, appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes and made application for the enrollment of her minor children, Lewis Ward, Dollie Ward, Mary Ward, Arthur Ward, Henry Ward and Walter Ward, as Choctaw freedmen and that on December 4, 1902, Ida Guest, the daughter of said Annie Ward, made application at Antlers, Indian Territory for the enrollment of herself and her minor child, Peter Ward, as such freedmen.

The record herein shows that when Annie Ward made original application on August 22, 1902, for the enrollment of her minor children, Lewis, Dollie, Mary, Arthur, Henry and Walter Ward, she claimed that all and each of them were born in lawful wedlock of her and one Abe Ward, a Choctaw freedman, now deceased. On said date one Israel Colbert appeared and testified to the effect that said Abe Ward was reputed to be the father of these said children, but admitted however that Abe Ward was separated from Annie Ward for about six or seven years, during which interval a child, name not given, was born to said Annie Ward, and that said child was not the child of Abe Ward.

On December 4, 1902, Ida Guest in the matter of the enrollment of herself and her minor child, Peter Ward, testified that she was the daughter of Abe Ward and Annie Ward.

On December 20, 1905, said Annie Ward testified that she was lawfully married to Abe Ward and that by him she had several children, that she had two children named Dona and Mandy, who were born prior to the separation between her and Abe Ward; that while she was separated from him, there was born to her the applicant, Lewis Ward herein, and one other child, now deceased, and that the father of said last two mentioned children, was one Ike LeFlore, a Choctaw Indian; that after the birth of said children, she again cohabited with the said Abe Ward, by whom she had the applicants, Dollie, Mary, Arthur, Henry and Walter Ward, and that she never cohabited with any other men than Abe Ward and Ike LeFlore.

On February 13, 1906, Annie Ward then testified that she had also lived with one Israel Colbert, a Choctaw freedman, and by him she had one child, the applicant, Ida Guest. On said date also Israel Colbert testified corroborating Annie Ward with respect to alleged paternity of the applicant Ida Guest. He also testified that Annie Ward had lived with several men.

The recordsof this office show that Dona Ward, child of Annie Ward, mentioned in the testimony, died in 1893; that the rights of Mandy Manning (daughter of said Annie Ward) and her children have heretofore been determined by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes and their names placed upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

The rights of the applicants herein are dependent almost entirely upon the testimony of Annie Ward, but the evidence discloses on her part such a total lack of decency, morality and truthfulness, that no credence can be given to her testimony and that the same is worthless to establish rights to enrollment of these applicants.

I am, therefore of the opinion that Lewis Ward, Dollie Ward, Mary Ward, Arthur Ward, Henry Ward, Walter Ward, Ida Guest and Peter Ward are not entitled to be enrolled as Choctaw freedmen and that the application for their enrollment as such should be denied in accordance with the Acts of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stats.,495) and July 1, 1905 (32 Stats.,641), and it is so ordered.

(Signed) Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

Feb 27 1907

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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March 4, 1907.

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Direct.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Your decisions in the following citizenship cases, adverse to the applicants, are hereby affirmed. Copy of Indian Office letter of March 2, 1907, submitting your reports of February 27, 1907, and recommending that the decisions be affirmed, is inclosed.

Title of Case:

Levi Lane, Chickasaw freedman,
Lewis Ward, et al., Choctaw freedmen,
Simon Zackery, Choctaw freedman.

A copy hereof and all the pppers in the above named cases have been sent to the Indian Office.

Respectfully,

E. A. Hitchcock,

Secretary.

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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON

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March 2, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith three communications from Commissioner Bixby, enclosing the records in the following citizenship cases:

Lewis Ward, Dollie Ward, Mary Ward, Arthur Ward, Henry Ward, Walter Ward, Ida Guest, and Peter Ward, as Choctaw freedmen,

Levi Lane as a Chickasaw freedman, and

Simon Zackery as a Choctaw freedman.

The Office has carefully examined the decisions of the Commissioner in these cases, and is of the opinion that they are correct, and it is recommended that they be affirmed.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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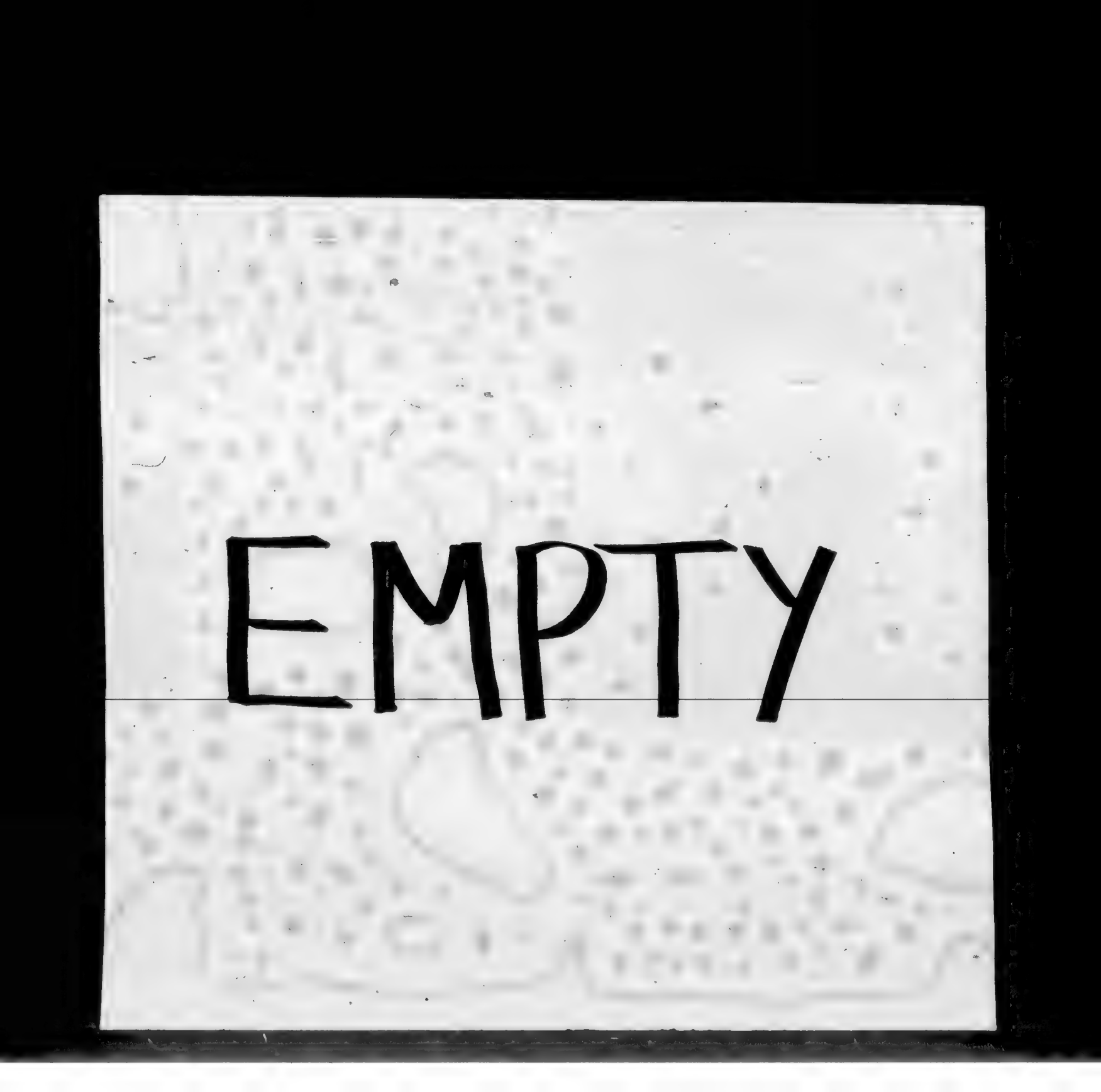
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Department of the Interior.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
Tuskahoma, Indian Territory, December 11th., 1902.

Original
Choctaw
Freedman.

In the matter of the application of Frances Marshall for enrollment as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Frances Marshall, having been first duly sworn, upon her oath testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Frances Marshall.
Q How old are you? A Twenty nine years old.
Q What is your post office address? A Grant.
Q Indian Territory? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your father? A Ben Robinette.
Q What is the name of your mother? A Mary Ann Robinette.
Q Is your father or mother living? A My mother is dead--my father is living.
Q Do you claim to be a Choctaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q Through whom do you claim? A My mother, she belonged to the LeFlores.
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your husband? A Calvin Marshall.
Q Have you any children? A No sir.
Q Where were you born? A In Red River county.
Q Choctaw Nation? A No sir, Red River County, Texas.
Q When did you first come to Indian Territory? A About three years ago.
Q Is this the first time you ever lived in Indian Territory? A No sir, first time since I have been married.
Q You were born in Texas---When did you first come to Indian Territory, or how old were you when you first came to the Indian Territory A Seventeen years ago.
Q How long did you live in Indian Territory at that time? A Five years and then went back to Texas.
Q How long did you remain in Texas when you went back there? A Five years.
Q Then you came back to the Indian Territory? A Yes sir,
Q And you have been here three years? A Yes sir, three years in March.
Q Are you sure about these dates? A I can't count it exactly, but I was married in the state seven years ago.
Q What Choctaw Indian did your mother belong to? A Perbis LeFlore.
Q Was he a recognized citizen of the Choctaw Nation, or don't you know anything about that? A No sir, I don't know.
Q This is the first time you have ever appeared before the Dawes Commission to make application for enrollment? A Yes sir.
Q Were you enrolled by the tribal authorities in 1896? A Yes sir.
Q Whereabouts? A Deaksville.
Q Were other members of your family enrolled at the same time? A Yes

Q What were their names? A Malindy Brown, Cynthia Fry, Martha Pemelton and Tobitha McAlester.
Q Is that all of them? A Yes sir.
Q Why have you never made application to this Commission before the present time? A I was to come up to Antlers but I was sick.

Joe Stanley, called as a witness, having been first duly sworn, upon his oath testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Joe Stanley.
Q How old are you? A Seventy four last July.
Q What is your post office address? A Frogville, Indian Territory.
Q Do you know this applicant, Frances Marshall? A Yes sir.
Q How long have you known her? A Knowed her ever since she was small.
Q Did you know her mother? A Knowed her mother when she was small.
Q What was her mother's name? A Her mother's name was Mary Ann.
Q Was the mother of this applicant the slave of a Choctaw Indian? A Yes sir.
Q What was the name of that Choctaw Indian? A Forbis LeFlore.
Q Where did he live? A Over there by Doaksville.
Q Was this girl's mother freed in Indian Territory? A No sir, freed in Texas, I reckon, if she was living. I don't know but that she was dead then.
Q Was she the slave of Forbis LeFlore at the time she was freed? A No sir.
Q When did you first become acquainted with this girl Frances Marshall. A I have always known her.
Q Where was she born? A In Texas.
Q After her birth did her mother Mary Ann ever move back to Indian Territory? A No sir.
Q You think her mother was sold in Texas? A I don't know, all I heard is hearsay. They said they sold her mother.
Q You have been informed that Forbis LeFlore sold Mary Ann? A Yes sir.

(Witness Excused)

Harry C Risteen, being first duly sworn, upon his oath states: That as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all proceedings had in the above entitled cause on the 11th day of December, 1902, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes of said proceedings on said date.

Harry C Risteen

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of December, 1902.

Charles H. Hanson

Notary Public.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Central District.

In Re, Frances, Marshall
Choctaw Freedman D& 214.

Jordon Folsom being duly sworn according to Law deposes and says, I am 61 years of age I resiae at Fort Towson Ind, Ter, I know Frances Marshall and have known her all her life she is about 34 years of age she is a Choctaw Freedman, her Father was Ben, Robnit and her mother was Mary Ann, LeFlore a slave of Fobis Leflore a Choctaw citizen by blo o . ana she was owned by Fobis Leflore at the time of the freeing of the slaves. I know this of my own knowledge I knew Mary Ann, Leflore, the mother of Frances Marshall, and know that she was the slave of the said Fobe is Leflore who was a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation. I know that she married Ben Robnit and that Frances Marshall is the issue of the marriage of Mary Ann Leflore with Ben Robnit, Frances Marshall is now a citizen and resident of the Choctaw Nation and has been all her life, I am a Chickasaw Freedman. I have no interest in the result of this application whatever.

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Witnesses, to mark
Claude R. Spriggs
Thos Fennell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 25th 1905.

Thomas Fennell
Notary Public.

My, Com, Expires March 21st, 1908

Endorsed on back.

Department of the Interior
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
Tams Bixby, Chairman.
Filed May 1 1905.

United States of America, # In Re, Frances Marshall
Indian Territory, #
Central District, # Choctaw Freedman, D, 214.
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Joe, Stanley being duly sworn according to Law deposes and says, I am 77 years of age my Post office is Frogville, I. T. I am a Choctaw Freedman, I know Frances Marshall and have known her all her life, I knew her mother who was Mary Ann, Leflore who was the slave of Fobis Leflore a Choctaw Indian. Fobis owned the mother of Frances Marshall at the time the slaves was freed, Mary Ann, Leflore mother of Frances Marshall married Ben Robnit and the said Frances Marshall is the daughter of said Ben Robnis and Mary Ann, Leflore. Frances Marshall is about 34 years of age, and has resided within the Choctaw Nation Indian Territory all her life, I am in no way related to the applicant and have no interest in the result of her application.

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witnesses to mark.
Claude P. Spriggs
Thos Fennell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
April 25th 1905.
My Com, Expires March 21st 1908 Thomas Fennell
Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
F I L E D MAY 1 1905.
Tams Bixby, Chairman.

17-D-214.

Department of the Interior,
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.
Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 19, 1907.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Frances Marshall as a Choctaw freedman.

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JOE STANLEY, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSIONER:

Q What is your name? A Joe Stanley.
Q How old are you? A Going on seventy-nine; will be this coming July.
Q What is your post office? A Frogville.
Q Are you a Choctaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q Been enrolled? A Yes sir.
Q Got your land? A Yes sir.
Q Do you know Frances Marshall? A Yes, I known her since she was a baby.
Q How old is she now? A I don't know how old she is, but I known her ever since she was a baby.
Q Who is her mother? A Her mother is dead.
Q What is her name? A Mary Ann.
Q Mary Ann what? A Mary Ann Leflore.
Q What is the name of her father? A Of Frances?
A Yes? A His name is Robins; he is dead now; he was the father of Frances here.
Q Was Frances' mother born before the War? A Yes sir, a long time before the War.
Q Who did you belong to during the War? A Thomas Everidge.
Q Who did Frances' mother belong to? A Frances' mother?
Q Who did Mary Ann belong to? A Well, she was left; he didn't sell her; he sold her granny.
Q Was Mary Ann Robins a slave? A No, she couldn't be a slave.
Q Why? A Because she wasn't sold.
Q Was she a free colored person? A She was free, certain.
Q Was Mary Ann, the mother of Frances, a colored woman?
A She was a mulatto; her father was a free man.
Q Was Mary Ann ever a slave? A She couldn't have been a slave when she was left there; he couldn't sell her on account of her being his child.
Q Whose child? A Forbis Leflore.
Q What was Forbis Leflore? A Why, he was a Choctaw, a half breed.
Q Then Mary Ann was never the slave of a Choctaw Indian?
A Never was a slave, and that is on some of you-alls books here.
Q Where did you live during the War? A I lived right at home.
Q At what place? A Lived right there at Judge Everidge's old place about two miles from where I am living now.
Q Well, where is that? A Down in Kiamitia County.

Q Where did Forbis Leflore live? A At Fort Towson.
Q How far from where you lived? A Might be nine or ten miles; I don't know exactly.
Q Who is the mother of Mary Ann Robins or Robinette? A I don't know her mother's name.
Q Was she a negro? A Yes sir, she was a darkey.
Q Are you sure that Mary Ann was never a slave? A I am bound to be sure, because I wouldn't dare to tell anything else.
Q Who is the father of Frances Marshall? A Ben Robins:
Q What is he? A Well, hewas a slave, belonged to old Captain Wright, Sam Wright's father.
Q He was a slave? A Yes sir.
Q Where did Captain Wright live during the War? A Lived right there at the mouth of Kiamitia where it goes into Red River.
Q How far from where you lived? A Well, it was all of near eight miles.
Q Were Ben and Mary Ann married? A Yes sir.
Q Did they live together? A Yes sir, they lived together until her mother died.
Q Is Ben living? A No sir, he died here about a year ago.
Q What was his name, Ben Robins or Ben Robinette? A Ben Robins is what they called him.
Q How old a man was Ben Robins? A Well, he was a young man when he married her; I couldn't tell how old he was when he died.
Q How old was he during the War? A Well, he had some children mighty near grown at the time of the War; I never did ask him what his age was.
Q Did he ever have any children by Mary Ann? A All the children he ever had he got them by her.
Q Did you see Ben very often during the War? A Oh, I seen him all my days away back yonder in slave time when the old man first got him; raised him in Missouri.
Q When was Ben freed? A At the time of the War.
Q At what place? A Captain Wright's at the mouth of Kiamitia.
Q Where did Ben go after he was freed? A He never went no wheres.
Q Did he stay right around in that neighborhood? A Stayed around there in the neighborhood; he worked in the shop and made a living.
Q What shop? A He has got a shop there.
Q What did he do? A Well, he mends plows or anything he can get to do.
Q Is he a blacksmith? A Yes sir.
Q How far is Grant from Frogville? A Oh, it is along near nineteen miles from Frogville:
Q Where does Frances live now? A She lives this side of where Horse Prairie is, on a place of her own.
Q What is her post office? A Well, I reckon her post office would be at Grant.
Q How long has she been living there? A About two years I think she has been there.
Q Where did she live before she lived on that place?
A Why, she stayed in Texas.
Q Wasn't she married in Texas? A Yes sir, she married in Texas.
Q Married a Texas colored man? A Yes sir, he was a colored man, brown skin.
Q What was the blood of the master of Ben Robins? A A white man; old Captain Wright was a white man.
Q What was his wife? A A white woman.
Q White woman? A Yes sir.
Q Well, then Ben Robins didn't belong to any Indian did he?
A No sir, he didn't.

Q He belonged to a white man? A Yes sir.
Q By the name of Wright? A Yes sir.
Q In December, 1902, you testified at Tuskahoma on behalf of Frances Marshall, and at that time you stated in answer to the question "Was the mother of this applicant a slave of a Choctaw Indian?", and you answered "Yes sir?" A I didn't say that, because if it had been a thousand years I would have known what I said; old Governor McCurtain was right there and sanctioned it.
Q Where was Frances Marshall born? A Born in Texas.
Q How long did she live there after her birht? A She lived there till she got grown.
Q When did she first come to the Indian Territory? A Well, that has been about fourteen years ago when she come to the Territory and lived with me.
Q Lived with you? A Yes sir.
Q How long did she stay? A Well, she stayed there a good while.
A A year? A Yes sir.
Q Was it more than a year? A Well, she stayed a year right in my house.
Q Then where did she go? A She went back then.
Q To Texas? A Yes sir.
Q How long did she stay there then? A Stayed till she got married and come back.
Q You are positive are you that neither of her parents were slaves of Choctaw Indians? A Why, she wasn't a slave of a Choctaw Indian, I know, and her Mammy was never made a slave because some of these Commissioners was right down there at Tushkahoma, and old Governor McCurtain was right there and looked at it and sanctioned it.

(Witness excused.)

MOSE FULSOM, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSIONER:

Q What is your name? A Mose Fulsom.
Q How old are you? A I am about seventy years old.
Q what is your post office? A Grant.
Q Are you a Choctaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q You been enrolled? A Oh, yes sir.
Q Do you know Frances Marshall? A Yes sir, I know her.
Q How long have you known her? A I been knowing her ever since she's been birthed.
Q Were you living in Texas when she was born? A No sir.
Q Wasn't Frances born in Texas? A Frances was born down there in the bend of Red River, born right close on the line; I wasn't living there then.
Q Well, how do you know you have known her since her birth then?
A Well, I known her family since then.
Q What is the name of the mother of Frances Marshall? A Her name is Mary Ann.
Q What is the name of her father? A Man name of Ben Robins.
Q Ben Robins? A Yes sir.
Q Is he a negro? A Yes sir.

Q who was he the slave of? A He belonged to old Captain Wright.
Q What was Captain Wright, a white man or an Indian? A Captain Wright was a white man.
Q Captain Wrights wife a white woman? A Yes sir.
Q Did you know him? A Oh, yes sir, I knowed him.
Q Who did you belong to? A I belonged to old Colonel Fulsom.
Q Where did you live during the War? A At the mouth of Kiamitia.
Q Was Mary Ann ever the slave of any one? A She says no, her father never sold her as she was his child; he sold her Mammy; her father said he never sold his child but sold the child's mother.
Q who was the mother of Mary Ann? A Patsy Leflore.
Q How far did you live from Forbis Leflore's place during the War?
A Well, during the War---by stepping across the prairie there it was about ten or twelve miles.
Q Did you see Mary Ann very often during that time? A No sir, I was in slave time so I couldn't visit them.
Q So you don't know anything about Mary Ann during the War?
A Yes sir, I knowed her when she was a child, but I didn't visit them during the War.
Q Well, then you didn't know anything about Mary Ann During the War?
A Yes sir, I knowed her during the War, but I wasn't staying right with them at that time; they was one side of the River and I was the other.
Q what side were you on? A This side of Kiamitia.
Q Were they living in Texas then? A Yes sir.
Q Was Forbis Leflore living in Texas? A Oh, no sir, he was living in the Nation.
Q But Mary Ann was living in Texas? A Yes sir, he sold Mary Ann's mother, you know, but didn't sell her; he left the child with the mother to raise.
Q Before the War? A Yes sir.
Q Then Mary Ann was living there in Texas before the War?
A Yes sir.
Q Is that right? A Yes sir, with her mother.
Q Who did her mother belong to there in Texas? A Captain Wright.
Q The same man that owned Ben? A Yes sir, before the War.
Q So Mary Ann Didn't belong to a Choctaw Indian at any time during the War, is that right? A She belonged to her father, I guess, but he didn't sell her.
Q She was living over there in Texas? A Yes sir, Captain Wright raised her, I suppose. He didn't buy her because her father said he wouldn't sell his child.
Q But he let her go over there with her mother? A To raise her, yes sir.
Q To Mr. Wrights? A Yes sir.
Q How long did Mary Ann stay over there in Texas? A I couldn't testify how long that was.
Q Well, when did you see her after the War? A Well, she died before I ever got to see her after the War. I was living away up the country then.
Q Do you know where Mary Ann died? A I heard when she died.
Q Where did she die? A I don't know , but on this side of the River. I know they said she was dead is all.
Q Where does Frances live now? A She lives down close to Horse Prairie.
Q What is her post office? A Grant.
Q How far from you does she live? A About three miles; just about four miles.

Q How long has she been living there? A I can't tell how long they have been there, about five or six years, I reckon, or seven, somewhere along there.
Q Where did she live before she came to Horse Prairie? A I can't tell.
Q Did she come from Texas? A I do not know.

(Witness excused.)

FRANCES MARSHALL, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSIONER:

Q What is your name? A Frances Marshall.
Q How old are you? A I will be thirty-seven years old the last of this month.
Q what is your post office? A Grant.
Q How long have you been living there at Grant? A I been living at Grant---I stayed down at Sandy Branch a good while, but I been living at Grant ever since 1900.
Q 1900? A Yes sir.
Q Where did you live before that? A I lived down on Sandy Branch.
Q Do you remember the year you married in? A No sir, I don't exactly; I been married eleven years.
Q What month were you married in? A I don't know, sir; I was married two weeks before Christmas.
Q Been married eleven years last Christmas? A Yes sir.
Q You were married in Texas? A Yes, I married a state man.
Q You were living in Texas, weren't you when you married this state man? A Yes sir.
Q How long had you lived there before you married him? A I lived there two years.
Q What is your husband's name? A Calvin Marshall.
Q How long did you live with him? A I have been married eleven years, I told you.
Q You been living with him all the time? A Yes sir.
Q At what place were you married in Texas? A I married him at Barnesville?
Q Well, after you married, how long did you live at Barnesville?
A I told you I lived there two years after I married.
A You lived there two years? A Yes sir.
Q Well, I asked you how long you had lived there before you married him, and you said two years? A In Texas?
A Yes, before you married Calvin Marshall? A Well, I went there and married Calvin Marshall and lived with his people two years before I come back to the Territory.
Q When did you come back to the Territory? A I can't remember; I wouldn't be sure now; I can't remember.
Q On December 11, 1902, you testified that you came back in 1899, and that was the first time that you had been back to the Territory since you were married? A 1899?
Q Yes, you said about three years ago; that would make it that you lived in Texas four years after you married? A Well, I won't be certain about what I said; I will tell the truth about it.
Q When did your mother die? A My mother's been dead about sixteen years to my knowledge.
Q Where did she die? A She died in Texas.

Q Were you living in Texas when she died? A No sir, I wasn't.
Q Where were you living? A No sir, I was living down at Sandy Branch when she died.
Q In the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir; she died before I married you know. As well as I can remember, she has been dead about sixteen years.

(Witness excused.)

JOE STANLEY, being recalled, testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSIONER:

Q Joe, when did Forbis Leflore die? A I don't know when he died; been dead a good while though; may have been since we were freed; he was away off from me when he died.

(Witness excused.)

MOSE FULSOM, being recalled, testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSIONER:

Q Are you acquainted with Jordon Fulsom? A Yes sir.
Q What relation is he to you? A Brother.
Q Where does he live? A He lives at old Doaksville; bred and born there; lived there all his life.
Q Well, on April 25, 1905, Jordon made an affidavit which is filed in this case, wherein he stated that the father and mother of Frances Marshall were the slaves of Forbis Leflore? A He made a mistake about the father, but the mother was.
Q Well, you testified, did you not, that before the War Mary Ann's mother was the slave of Captain Wright, a white man, living in Texas? A Yes sir.
Q And that she had her daughter with her over there? A Yes sir.
Q Is that correct? A That is correct.
Q So that Mary Ann, the mother of Frances, didn't belong to Forbis Leflore during the War, at all; is that correct? A Yes sir, that is correct; I guess she belonged to him in childhood.
Q She belonged to him in childhood, but didn't before or during the War? A No sir, when he sold her mother he left her with her mother to raise.

(Witness excused.)

Lenora B. Ashton, on oath states that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes she reported the testimony in the above entitled cause on the 19th day of February, 1907, and that the above and foregoing transcript is a true and complete translation of her stenographic notes.

Lenora B. Ashton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of February, 1907.

Notary Public.

17-D-214. O.L.J.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Frances Marshall as a Choctaw freedman.

D E C I S I O N.

It appears from the record herein that on December 11, 1902, Frances Marshall appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Tuskahoma, Indian Territory, and made application for the enrollment of herself as a Choctaw freedman.

It further appears from the record herein that said applicant was born in about the year 1870, and is the daughter of Ben Robins (or Robinette), now deceased, and Mary Ann Robins (or Robinette), now deceased, neither of whom was at any time during the War of the Rebellion the slave of a Choctaw Indian.

It is alleged herein that Mary Ann Robins (or Robinette) was the daughter of Forbis LeFlore, a Choctaw Indian, but it does not appear from the records in the possession of this office that either the applicant or her mother has ever been recognized or enrolled by the Choctaw tribal authorities as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation, or admitted to Choctaw citizenship by any duly constituted authority.

I am, therefore, of the opinion that the applicant, Frances Marshall, is not entitled to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman or as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation, and that her application for enrollment as such should be denied, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stats., 495), and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 27, 1907.

Frances Marshall,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 27, 1907, denying the application for your enrollment as a Choctaw freedman or as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.
Incl. 17-D-214.

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 27, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw & Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 27, 1907, denying the application for the enrollment of Frances Marshall as a Choctaw freedman or a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informedof the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Incl. 17-D-214.

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 27, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Frances Marshall as a Choctaw freedman or as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 27, 1907, denying said application.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

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Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

I.T.D. 7828-1907.
D. C. 13270-1907.

WH.M.LRS.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON, March 4, 1907.

Direct.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Your decisions in the following citizenship cases, adverse to the applicants, are hereby affirmed. Copy of Indian Office letter of March 2, 1907, submitting your reports and recommending that the decisions be affirmed, is herewith enclosed.

Title of Case.	Date of your letter of transmittal.
Stephen Gunter, Cherokee freedman	February 26,1907.
Marvin T.Brake,Choctaw by blood,	February 27,1907.
Addie Goldsmith, et al.,Choctaws by blood,	February 25,1907.
Catherine Brewer,et al.,Cherokee freedmen,	February 27,1907.
Henry Bly,et al.,Cherokee freedmen,	February 27,1907.
Frances Marshall, Choctaw by blood,	February 27,1907
Jennie Roberson,et al.,deceased,Creek freedmen,	February 26,1907.
Clyde Wilton Hardrick,Cherokee freedman,	February 25, 1907.
Annie Johnson, Creek by blood,	February 27,1907.
Mary Byington, Choctaw by blood,	February 27,1907.
Roy Thompson,deceased,Creek by blood,	February 26,1907.
Sarah Ann Dawson,et al.Cherokee freedmen,	February 26,1907.
Katie Arch,et al.,deceased,Creeks by blood,	February 27,1907.
Bessie Springer,et al.,Choctaws by blood,	February 26, 1907.
Ada E. White, Cherokee by blood,	February 26,1907.
Horatio Kohn Rose,Cherokee by intermarriage	February 27,1907.
John F. Devaughn,Cherokee by intermarriage	February 27,1907.
Maude Ella Jones, Cherokee freedman	February 26, 1907.

A copy hereof and all the papers in the above mentioned cases have been sent to the Indian Office.

Respectfully,

E.A.Hitchcock,

Secretary.

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Refer in reply to the following:
Land: References in body of letter.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON, March 2, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There are enclosed herewith the records of proceedings in the matter of the applications for the enrollment of the following persons:

21250-1907: Horatio John Rose, as a citizen by intermarriage of the Cherokee Nation.

21244-1907: John F. Devaughn, " " " "
21252-1907: Ada E. White, as a citizen by blood of the Cherokee Nation.

21259-1907: Marvin T. Brake, as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

21260-1907: Bessie Springer,
Lillie Livingston,
Jesse Springer, and
Richard Springer, " " " "

21261-1907: Addie Goldsmith,
Christie Goldsmith,
Carrie Goldsmith,
Stanley Goldsmith,
Otis Goldsmith,
Ross Goldsmith,
Henry Goldsmith,
Mabel Goldsmith,
Lincoln Jefferson Goldsmith,
Guy Goldsmith,
Solomon Goldsmith,
Lloyd Goldsmith,
Tecumseh Goldsmith,
Orange Goldsmith, as citizens by blood of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nations;
Ethel Goldsmith,
Ola Goldsmith, and
Hosie Goldsmith, as citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

21262-1907: Mary Byington, as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

21276-1907: Katie Arch ,et al.,all deceased,as citizens by blood of the Creek Nation.(Katie Arch Lewis Arch, Lizzie Arch and Nellie Arch).

21264-1907: Roy Thompson, deceased, as a citizen by blood of the Creek Nation.
21274-1907: Annie Johnson, as a citizen by blood of the Creek Nation.
21238-1907: Clyde Wilton Hardrick, as a Cherokee freedman.
21241-1907: Maude Ella Jones, as a Cherokee freedman.
21240-1907: Stephen Gunter, as a Cherokee freedman.
21243-1907: Henry Bly,
Joanna Bly,
Henry Bly, Jr.,
Jesse Bly,
Lucinda Bly,
Charles Bly,
Laurensie Bly, and
Morgan Bly, as Cherokee freedmen.

21239-1907: Sarah Ann Dawson, and
Lillian Beatty, as Cherokee freedmen.

21242-1907: Catherine Brewer,
Henry Brewer,
Margaret Brewer, and
Willey Brewer, as Cherokee freedmen.

21263-1907: Jennie Roberson,
Ether Roberson, and
Fany Roberson, as Creek freedmen (all deceased).

21258-1907: Frances Marshall, as a Choctawfreedman, or as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

The decisions of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, relative to the enrollment of the above named applicants, were adverse in each case.

The decisions of Commissioner Bixby have been examined, they are found to be correct, and the Office recommends that they be approved.

Very respectfully,

C.F.Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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17-D-214

Tuskegee, Indian Territory, April 18, 1907.

Frances Marshall,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

You are hereby advised that on March 4, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of February 27, 1907, denying the application for your enrollment as a Choctaw freedman or as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

17-D-214

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 18, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,
Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that on March 4, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of February 27, 1907, denying the applicationf or the enrollment of Frances Marshall as a Choctaw freedman or a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

17-D-214.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 20, 1904.

Frances Marshall,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

The Commission will hold a session at the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka, Indian Territory, September 6-7, 1904 and at the Chickasaw Land Office, Tishomingo, Indian Territory, September 8-9, 1904.

If you so desire, you may appear at one of the above named appointments, together with such witnesses as you may be able to procure, for the purpose of testifying relative to your right to enrollment as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, or you may appear for this purpose at the general office of the Commission, Muskogee, Indian Territory at any time.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-D-214

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 13, 1905.

J. L. Dickinson,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of June 9, 1905, asking if it will be too late for Francis Marshall to appear before the Commission for the purpose of testifying relative to her enrollment as she was unable to come before.

In reply to your letter you are advised that Francis Marshall should appear before the Commission as early as practicable for the purpose of testifying relative to her right to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Commissioner in C.
Chootaw Freedman
D--214.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 6, 1905.

Frances Marshall,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 25, stating that you are not able to come to Muskogee and asking that you be furnished a blank in order that you may go before a Notary Public and execute the same in support of your case.

In reply to your letter you are informed that the Commission has no blanks of the character requested by you for distribution. If you desire to submit additional evidence in your case in the form of affidavits, you will be permitted to do so providing the same are introduced within thirty days from this date.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-D-214.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 2, 1905.

Francis Marshall,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 25, enclosing the affidavits of Jordan Folsom and Joe Stanley which you offer in support of your application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, and the same have been filed with the records in this case.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-D-214.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 13,1905.

Frances Marshall,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of your application to be enrolled as a Chickasaw Freedman you are informed that the evidence now in the possession of this Commission is not sufficient to show that you are entitled to enrollment. Before your application can be decided it will be necessary that you appear in person at the office of the Commission at Muskogee, Indian Territory, with such witnesses as you are able to produce by whom your right to enrollment can be established.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-D-214.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 1, 1905.

J. L. Dickson,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of May 26, asking relative to the right of Frances Marshall to enrollment as a Chootaw freedman.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the the Commission has not yet passed upon the application of Frances Marshall for enrollment as a Chootaw freedman, and she has been notified that it will be necessary for her to appear in person before the Commission at its office in Muskogee, Indian Territory, for the purpose of testifying relative to her right to such enrollment.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-D214

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 14, 1905.

J. L. Dickinson,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of June 9, 1905, asking if it will be too late for Francis Marshall to appear before the Commission in the fall for the purpose of testifying relative to her enrollment as she was unable to come before.

In reply to your letter you are advised that Francis Marshall should appear before the Commission as early as practicable for the purpose of testifying relative to her right to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-D-214

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 2, 1905.

Frances Marshall,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

On May 13, 1905, you were advised by this office that in the matter of your application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman the evidence now on file in your case is not sufficient to show that you are entitled to enrollment.

You are now advised that if you desire to present further evidence in the matter of your application it will be necessary that you should appear in person at this office with such witnesses as you can secure at as early a date as practicable to testify relative to your right to enrollment.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

I.T.D. 7888-1907.
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W.H.M. LRS.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Direct.

WASHINGTON, March 4, 1907.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Your decisions in the following citizenship cases, adverse to the applicants, are hereby affirmed. Copy of Indian Office letter of March 2, 1907, submitting your reports and recommending that the decisions be affirmed, is herewith enclosed.

Title of Case.	Date of your letter of transmittal.
Stephen Gunter, Cherokee freedman	February 26,1907.
Marvin T. Brake,Choctaw by blood,	February 27,1907.
Addie Goldsmith,et al.,Choctaws by blood	February 25,1907.
Catherine Brewer,et al.Cherokee freedmen,	February 27,1907.
Henry Bly,et al.,Cherokee freedmen	February 27,1907.
Frances Marshall,Choctaw by blood,	February 27,1907
Jennie Roberson,et al.,deceased,Creek freedman	February 26,1907.
Clyde Wilton Hardrick,Cherokee freedman,	February 25,1907.
Annie Johnson, Creek by blood.	February 27,1907.
Mary Byington,Choctaw by blood,	February 27,1907.
Roy Thompson,deceased,Creek by blood,	February 26,1907.
Sarah Ann Dawson,et al.,Cherokee freedmen,	February 26,1907.
Katie Arch,et al.,deceased,Creeks by blood,	February 27,1907.
Bessie Springer,et al.,Choctaws by blood,	February 26,1907.
Ada E. White,Cherokee by blood,	February 26,1907.
Horatio John Rose,Cherokee by intermarriage,	February 27, 1907
John F. Devaughn, Cherokee by intermarriage	February 27,1907.
Maude Ella Jones,Cherokee freedman,	February 26,1907.

A copy hereof and all the papers in the above mentioned cases have been sent to the Indian Office.

Respectfully,

E.A.Hitchcock,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON, March 2, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There are enclosed herewith the records of proceedings in the matter of the applications for the enrollment of the following persons:

21250-1907: Horatio John Rose, as a citizen by intermarriage of the Cherokee Nation.
21244-1907: John F. Devaughn, " " " "
21232-1907: Ada E. White, as a citizen by blood of the Cherokee Nation.
21259-1907: Marvin T. Brake, as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation.
21260-1907: Bessie Springer,
Lillie Livingston,
Jesse Springer, and
Richard Springer,

21261-1907: Addie Goldsmith,
Christie Goldsmith,
Carrie Goldsmith,
Stanley Goldsmith,
Otis Goldsmith,
Ross Goldsmith,
Henry Goldsmith,
Mabel Goldsmith,
Lincoln Jefferson Goldsmith,
Guy Goldsmith,
Solomon Goldsmith,
Lloyd Goldsmith,
Tecumseh Goldsmith,
Orange Goldsmith, as citizens by blood of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nations;
Ethel Goldsmith,
Ola Goldsmith, and
Hosie Goldsmith, as citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation.
21262-1907: Mary Byington, as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation.
21276-1907: Katie Arch ,et al.,all deceased,as citizens by blood of the Creek Nation.(Katie Arch Lewis Arch, Lizzie Arch and Nellie Arch).

21264-1907: Roy Thompson, deceased, as a citizen by blood of the Creek Nation.
21274-1907: Annie Johnson, as a citizen by blood of the Creek Nation.
21238-1907: Clyde Wilton Hardrick, as a Cherokee freedman.
21241-1907: Maude Ella Jones, as a Cherokee freedman.
21240-1907: Stephen Gunter, as a Cherokee freedman.
21243-1907: Henry Bly,
Joanna Bly,
Henry Bly, Jr.,
Jesse Bly,
Lucinda Bly,
Charles Bly,
Laurensie Bly, and
Morgan Bly, as Cherokee freedmen.

21239-1907: Sarah Ann Dawson, and
Lillian Beatty, as Cherokee freedmen.

21242-1907: Catherine Brewer,
Henry Brewer,
Margaret Brewer, and
Willey Brewer, as Cherokee freedmen.

21263-1907: Jennie Robertson,
Ether Robertson, and
Fany Robertson, as Creek freedmen (all deceased).

21258-1907: Frances Marshall, as a Choctawfreedman, or as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

The decisions of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, relative to the enrollment of the above named applicants, were adverse in each case.

The decisions of Commissioner Tibbey have been examined, they are found to be correct, and the Office recommends that they be approved.

Very respectfully,

C.F.Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

EWM-LC.

CHOCTAW ENROLLMENT

D. 211

Frances Marshall

REFUSED. FEB 27 1907

RECORD FORWARDED DEPARTMENT.

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Choc FR D-215 Annie Bradley

Refused July 13, 1906

FR D-215

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Department of the Interior.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,
Tuskahoma, Indian Territory, December 10th, 1902.

Original
Choctaw
Freedman.

In the matter of the original application of Annie Bradley for enrollment as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Annie Bradley, having been first duly sworn, upon her oath testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Annie Bradley.
Q How old are you? A Thirty.
Q What is your post office address? A Lenton, Indian Territory.
Q What is the name of your father? A Thomas Henderson.
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.
Q Is he a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q In what county does he live? A Kiamitia County.
Q What is the name of your mother? A Louisa.
Q Is she living or dead? A Dead.
Q Do you know what her maiden name was? A No sir.
Q Do you know whether your mother was a slave of a Choctaw Indian or not? A All I know as what I have been told.
Q Where were you born? A I was born in the territory.
Q Whereabouts---in what county? A Kiamitia County.
Q Have you always lived in the Indian Territory? A No sir.
Q After you were born how long did you live in Indian Territory? A I don't know sir.
Q How old were you when you were married? A I have been married about fifteen years.
Q Where were you married? A I was married in Texas.
Q You were living in Texas at the time you were married? A No sir, we went over there to be married.
Q You were living in Indian Territory at the time you were married? A Yes sir, that is the way its seems to me it was.
Q After you were married did you come back to the territory again? A Yes sir.
Q How long did you live here then? A I don't know sir, how long.
Q Was it three or four years or more? A Yes sir.
Q And then did you move to Texas? A Yes sir, and I lived in Texas I don't know how long.
Q At what place did you live in Texas? A Paris.
Q Have you lived near Paris, Texas, part of the time since you have been married? A Yes sir.
Q But most of the time since you have been married you have been living in Indian Territory? A Yes sir.
Q Near what place? A Lenton.
Q How long have you lived near Lenton? A I don't know sir exactly
Q Have you lived there five or six years continuously? A Yes sir.

Q Never have been out during that time to make a home anywhere else
A No sir.
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your husband? A Henry Bradley.
Q Is he a colored man? A Yes sir.
Q Is he a citizen of either nation in Indian Territory by adoption?
A No sir.
Q Have you any children? A No sir.
Q Have you ever had any children? A No sir.
Q Were you ever married before you were married to Henry Bradley?
A No sir.
Q Was he ever married before he married you? A Yes sir.
Q At the time of your marriage to him was his first wife living or dead? A She was dead.
Q Have you got a marriage license and certificate? A No sir.
Q You want to make application for enrollment as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q And you claim the right to make application for the reason that your mother was a slave of a Choctaw Indian? A Yes sir.

Rutha Brown, called as a witness, having been first duly sworn upon her oath testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Rutha Brown.
Q How old are you? A About forty three.
Q What is your post office address? A Lenton, Indian Territory.
Q How long have you lived in Indian Territory? A I have lived in it all my life.
Q You were born and raised in Indian Territory? A Yes sir.
Q Were you the slave of a Choctaw Indian? A Yes sir.
Q What was his name? A Tom Oakes.
Q Do you know this applicant Annie Bradley? A Yes sir.
Q Did you know her mother? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of her mother? A She was named Louisa.
Q What was her maiden name? A Louisa Oakes that is what they called her.
Q Was she the slave of a Choctaw? A Yes sir.
Q To whom did she belong? A Oakes.
Q The same Oakes that you belonged to? A Yes sir.
Q Where were you freed? A At his farm---at Oakes' farm.
Q Was Laura Oakes freed with you at the same time? A Yes sir, I guess we was freed at the same time with all the others. With my mother and father and all that belonged to the Oakes.
Q There is no question in your mind but that Louisa Oakes is the mother of this girl? A No sir.
Q And no question that she was the slave of Tom Oakes and freed at the same time you was freed? A No sir.
Q Do you know the father of Annie Bradley? A Yes sir.
Q Is he a Choctaw Indian? A Yes sir, Thomas Henderson.
Q A full blood Choctaw? A Yes sir.
Q Do you know if he was ever married to the mother of Ann Bradley?
A I don't know sir.
Q How long do you think Annie Bradley has been a resident of Indian Territory? A Well, I don't know.
Q Do you know where she was born? A No sir, I don't know where she was born, but she was born somewhere in the nation.

Q Do you live near her? A Yes sir.
Q How long has she lived in that neighborhood? A About eight or nine or ten years I reckon.

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Harry C Risteen being first duly sworn upon his oath states: That as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all proceedings had in the above entitled cause on the tenth day of December, 1902, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes of said proceedings on said date.

Harry C Risteen

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of December, 1902.

Charles McDaniel
Notary Public.

17-D-215.

Department of the Interior,
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,
Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 30th, 1906.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Annie Bradley as a Choctaw freedman. Annie Bradley being first duly sworn, testifies:

Examination by the Commission.

Q What is your name? A Annie Bradley.
Q How old are you, Annie? A I am between 33 and 34.
Q What is your postoffice address? A Lenton.
Q What is the name of your father? A Thomas Henderson.
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.
Q Where abouts? A In Kiamitia County.
Q What is his postoffice address? A I don't know, sir.
Q Was he a slave of a Choctaw Indian at the commencement of the war of the rebellion? A No sir, he was no slave.
Q What is the name of your mother? A Louisa.
Q Louisa what? A Louisa Henderson.
Q Is she living? A No sir.
Q When did she die? A I don't know; she has been dead a good while.
Q Was she a slave of a Choctaw Indian at the commencement of the war of the rebellion? A I couldn't say myself, I was young; I guess she was though.
Q You guess she was. A Yes sir.
Q You were born after the war of the rebellion, were you?
A Yes sir.
Q You never was a slave? A Well of course I don't know, I just give in the evidence that was given me.
Q In as much as you were 33 years old, you were born after the war, were you? A. Yes sir, I guess so.
Q Is your mother a slave. A I don't know.
Q When did your mother die? A I don't know as I could just tell you.
Q Haven't you any idea about how long she has been dead? (No answer)
Q Has she been dead 10 years? A Yes sir, she has been dead over 10 years.
Q Has she been dead 15 years? A Yes sir.
Q Has she been dead as long as 20 years? (No answer)
Q Do you remember your mother? A Yes, I do remember her.
Q You were probably about 10 or 12 years old when she died?
A Yes, I was young when she died.
Q Where were you born? A I was born in the Indian Territory.
Q Where bouts in the Territory? A I was born in Kiamitia Co.
Q Kiamitia County, Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q How long have you lived there? A I stayed with my father till I was a good sized girl.
Q Then where did you go? A I had an aunt living in Texas; I went and stayed with her a while, and then come back.
Q Well, I want to know when you went to Texas now?
A Of course I couldn't exactly--- I was about 13 or 14 years old when I went to Texas.

Annie Bradley, #2)

Q Were you married in Texas? A No sir; I was married at home, when I was 15 years old.
Q You were married in the Indian Territory? A Yes sir.
Q Now, isn't it a fact, when you appeared here on December 10, 1902, you answered to this question "Where were you married", and you stated, "I was married in Texas"?
A Did I say that? Well if I said it, I said it wrongfully, because I was married in the Territory.
Q What is your husband's name? A Henry Bradley.
Q Well, who married you? A Old man Collins.
Q Where was he living? A He was living in Jackson County, what they call Lake West, joins Kiamitia.
Q You stated that you were 15 or 16 years old when you went to Texas. A No sir.
Q How old did you say. A I said about 13 or 14.
Q Where bouts in Texas did you live? A Paris; I had an aunt living there.
Q How long did you live there with your aunt?
A About a year.
Q Then where did you go? A Come back to the Territory.
Q Where? Kiamitia County? A Yes sir.
Q Where have you lived since you moved back from Texas?
A Back to Kiamitia County. After I married a while, I went back to Texas.
Q How long after you returned from Texas after you stayed with your aunt, before you were married? (No answer)
Q How old were you when you were married? A I was 15.
Q After your marriage, you moved back to Texas. A Yes sir.
Q Where to? A Close to south of Paris.
Q How long did you stay in Texas then? A Must be 5 or 6 years.
Q Then where did you go? A Back to the Territory.
Q After you moved back to the Territory, how long did you live there then? A I have been here ever since.
Q You have been here ever since and have made your home no place else after you returned from Texas for 5 or 6 years?
A No sir.
Q You testified that you think your mother was a slave, and if so, to whom did she belong? A To Tom Oakes, I think.
Q What was he? A Choctaw.
Q Choctaw Indian? A Yes sir.
Q You have no knowledge where your mother was living at the commencement of the war? A No sir.
Q Do you know anything further relative to the question whether or not your mother was a slave of the Choctaw Nation? A No sir.
Q Then what you have given, you have given all you know about your mother? A Yes sir.
Q Is your husband a Texas negro? A Yes sir.
Q He claims no rights as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation?
A No sir.

Witness Excused.

Rhoda Brown, #3)

Rhoda Brown being called as a witness and duly sworn, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A Rhoda Brown.
Q How old are you? A I don't know how old I is, I never kept account of my age. I just guess- I reckon I am 40; I don't know--as near as I can guess at it.
Q What is your post office address? A Lenton.
Q How long have you lived in the Indian Territory?
A I have been living here in the Indian Territory all my life.
Q Never lived anywheres else. A I never lived anywheres else.
Q Are you a Choctaw Freedman? A Yes sir.
Q Have you selected your allotment? A Yes sir.
Q Are you acquainted with Annie Bradley, the applicant here?
A Yes sir.
Q How long have you known her? A I have known her a long time--when she was a child, growing up.
Q Were you raised in the same neighborhood that she was?
A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of Annie Bradley's father?
A Tom Henderson.
Q Was he a Choctaw Freedman? A No sir, he was a full blood.
Q Choctaw by blood? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of her mother? A Lovine Oakes.
Q Was she a Choctaw Freedman? A Yes sir.
Q To whom did Lovine Oakes belong? A She belonged to the Oakes.
Q What Oakes? A Thomas Oakes. He is dead.
Q Did you belong to the same man that Lovine Oakes belonged to?
A Yes sir, I did.
Q Lived at the same place? A Yes sir.
Q All belonged to one man? A To Tom Oakes.
Q Where were you living at the commencement of the war.
A I don't know sir; I don't know nothing about the war.
Q You were born after the war, were you?
A I don't know whether I was born before or after the war; I don't know a thing about it.
Q Do you remember of being a slave to Tom Oakes? A (No answer)
Q Is your mother living? A She is buried.
Q When did she die? A She has been dead about 4 years now.
Q What was her name? A Her name was Amy Waldron.
Q Do you know whether or not Lovine Oakes was a slave of Tom Oakes at the commencement of the war of the rebellion?
A I don't know anything about the war.
Q Do you remember when you were freed? A No sir.
Q Well then, you don't know when Annie Bradley's mother was freed, do you? A No sir, I guess I was small in slavery time; I don't recollect slavery time.
Q Was Tom Henderson the father of Annie Bradley, married to Lovine Oakes? A Yes sir.
Q Was he married to Annie Bradley's mother? A Yes sir.
Q Did they live together as husband and wife? A Yes sir.
Q Did you see them? A Yes sir.
Q How long has Thomas Hendersen been dead? A I don't know, sir. How long he has been dead? I didn't know he was dead.
Q You never know he was dead? A No sir, I didn't know he was dead till just a while ago.

Q When did you see him last? A The last time I saw Thomas Henderson was at Antlers at the time of the last register.
Q Do you know where Annie Bradley has lived since she was born?
A They lived down on Oakes' farm.
Q Has she lived there all the time since she was born?
A Yes sir, I reckon so.
Q Where has she lived? A She lived down on Oakes' farm.
Q All the time since she was born? A Yes sir.
Q Never lived anywheres else? A No sir, not until she married.
Q Then where did she go? A The old man rented a place down on Boggy.
Q Then you say she has lived in the Choctaw Nation all her life? A Yes sir, ever since I have known her.
Q As a matter of fact, you do not know where she has lived?
A Yes, I told you she lived down on Kiamitia.
Q You don't know where she has lived since she was born? I want to know if you know where she lived since she was born.
A Yes sir, I know she has lived down on Oakes' farm. Yes sir.
Q Never lived anywhere else? A No sir.
Q Do you know her husband Henry Bradley? A Yes sir, I know him.
Q Is he a Territory negro? A Yes sir.
Q Where is he from? A He is from Texas.
Q How long have you and Annie Bradley lived in the same neighborhood. A I don't know how long, sir.
Q Is it 5 years? A Yes sir, I reckon so.
Q 10 years? A I guess I don't know.
Q What year is this? A I don't know, sir.
Q You haven't any knowledge of dates at all, have you?
A No sir, I can't read and write.
Q You don't know whether it is 2 years or 10 years or 20 years? (No answer)
Q Do you remember Annie Bradley's mother? A Yes sir.
Q On your appearance on December 10, 1902, you stated that the name of Annie Bradley's mother was Laura Oakes. Today you state the name of her mother was Lovina Oakes. How does that come? (No answer)
Q How do you know the name of Annie Bradley's mother?
A Yes sir, I know her. It was Lovina Henderson; that is her name.
Q Well then, did you make a mistake when you testified at Tushkahoma that the name of Annie Bradley's mother was Laura? A Yes, I made a mistake in saying her name was Laura.
Q Are you sure her name was Lovina? A Yes sir.
Q You don't know when Annie Bradley's mother was freed?
A No sir; I don't know.
Q Don't know anything about the war? A No sir, or I would tell you.

Witness Excused.

Annie Bradley recalled, #5.

Q What is the name of your father? A Thomas Henderson.
Q Was he a Choctaw freedman? A No sir.
Q What was he? A He was Choctaw.
Q By blood? A Yes sir.
Q When did he die? A He aint dead.
Q He aint dead? A No sir.
Q I thought you testified that he was dead? A No sir.
Q Where is he living? A Down on Kiamitia.
Q Have you seen him recently? A No sir, I haven't seen him.
Q When did you see him last? A O, it was two or three years since I have seen him.
Q Was Thomas Henderson and your mother married? A Yes sir.
Q Married by a preacher? A Why, they were married by Choctaw law.
Q Did your mother and father live together as husband and wife? A Yes sir.
Q In the same house? A Yes sir.
Q Rhoda Brown says the name of your mother is Lovine. Is that so? A No, it was Louisa she was trying to say.
Q I asked her particularly if she made a mistake in her testimony taken at Tushkahoma on December 10, 1902, when she said that the name of your mother was Louisa, and she said 'yes,' and that her name was Lovine.
A She made a mistake; it was Louisa.
Q Have you any other witnesses you want to bring here to testify relative to the question whether or not your mother was a Choctaw Indian at the commencement of the war of the rebellion? A Well of course I could get plenty of witnesses. It is so far away from here that I could not get up the names at home.
Q Is Thomas Oakes, the old master of your mother living at this time? A The last time I saw him was at the Atoka Land Office.
Q How long ago was that? Been a year or two years or three years? A Yes sir, a year ago February.
Q How old a man is he? A Why I don't know--is an aged old man.
Q Are you personally acquainted with him? A Yes sir.
Q Do you know where he lives now? A No sir, I don't know just exactly; I think he is on the old farm.
Q What is his postoffice address? A I don't know whether it is Grant or Hugo.

Witness excused.

Josephine R. Pratt, being first duly sworn, upon her oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she reported the proceedings had in the above entitled cause, and that the foregoing is a true transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

Josephine R. Pratt

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of January, 1906.

Myron White
Notary Public.

CHOCTAW NATION, I. T.)
)
Kiamitia County.) KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT

That I Anna Bradley as principal and Al Nelson _____
_____ as securities, are firmly held and bound unto Thos. E. Oakes County and Probate Judge Kiamitia County, Choctaw Nation, and his successors in office, in a penal sum of One Hundred & Thirty $130.00 dollars, good and lawful money, for the faithful payment of which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, our heirs, administrators and executors, jointly and severally signed this day of Jan. 4, 1904.

Yet on these conditions the above bond is such that if the said Annie Bradley who was duly appointed by the Honorable County and probate Court of Kiamitia County, C. N., as Guardian of the estate of Lula Mills _____ deceased, shall well and truly discharge the duties incumbent on him as Guardian then this obligation to be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

I Thos. Griggs Jr. County and Probate Clerk of Kiamitia County, C. N., do hereby certify that the above instrument of writing is a correct copy of the orginal now on file in my office.

Given under my hand and official seal this the 4th, day of Jan. 1904.

(Signed) Thos. Griggs.
Co. Clk.
K. C. C.N.

(SEAL)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this Jan 4, 1904.

Thos. E. Oakes.
Co. Judge.
K. C. C. N.

Indorsed on Back as follows:

Department of the Interior
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.
F i l e d .
Jan 30 1904
Tams Bixby, Commissioner.

17-D-215.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 9, 1904.

Annie Bradley,

Lenton, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 2nd inst., requesting to be advised relative to your enrollment.

You are informed it appears from our records that you are an applicant to this Commission for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, but your right to final enrollment as such has not yet been determined.

If you desire to introduce further testimony in support of your application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, your witnesses will be heard upon their personal appearance before the Commission at its office, Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-B-215.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 20, 1904.

Annie Bradley,

Lenton, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

The Commission will hold a session at the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka, Indian Territory, September 6-7, 1904, and at the Chickasaw Land Office, Tishomingo, Indian Territory, September 8-9, 1904.

If you so desire, you may appear at one of the above named appointments, together with such witnesses as you may be able to procure, for the purpose of testifying relative to your right to enrollment as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, or you may appear for this purpose at the general office of the Commission, Muskogee, Indian Territory at any time.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-D-215.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 16, 1904.

Annie Bradley,

Lento , Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Referring to your letter of August 9th, 1904, which was received at this office September 10, 1904, wherein it is stated that on account of illness you would be unable to appear before the Commission at Atoka, Indian Territory, or Tishomingo, Indian Territory September 6-7-8 and 9 respectively, you are advised that before the application for your enrollment as a Choctaw freedman can be given further consideration it will be necessary that you appear before the Commission at its office at Muskogee, Indian Territory for the purpose of giving testimony relative to your rights as such freedman.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-D-215.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 12, 1905.

Annie Bradley,

Lenton, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the application for your enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, you are advised that before disposition can be made of said application, it will be necessary for you to appear in person before the Commission at its office in Muskogee, Indian Territory, together with such witnesses as you may be able to procure for the purpose of testifying relative to your right to be enrolled as a Choctaw Freedman.

Such appearance should be made at the earliest date possible, in order that disposition may be made of your application.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-D-218

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 2, 1905.

Annie Bradley,

Linton, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

On September 16, 1904, January 31, 1905 and April 12, 1905, you were advised that before disposition could be made of your application for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman it would be necessary for you to appear in person at this office, together with such witnesses as you might be able to procure, for the purpose of testifying relative to your right to enrollment as such freedman.

You are again advised that such appearance should be made at the earliest date possible, and the evidence introduced should show your residence from the date of your birth up to and including September 25, 1902.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

17-D-215.
O.L.J.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Annie Bradley as a Choctaw freedman.

D E C I S I O N.

It appears from the record herein that on December 10, 1902, application was made to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of Annie Bradley as a Choctaw freedman.

The evidence in this case shows that the applicant was born in about the year 1872, and is the daughter of Louisa (or Lovine) Henderson (now deceased), an alleged Choctaw freedman.

Although ample opportunity has been afforded said applicant to show by satisfactory evidence that her mother was at the date of the Treaty of Fort Smith a resident of the Choctaw Nation, and the slave of a Choctaw Indian, she has failed to do so.

Inasmuch as it is alleged that the father of the applicant is Thomas Henderson, a full blood Choctaw Indian, her rights as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation will also be considered.

The name of one Thomas E. Henderson appears as number 4287 upon a list prepared by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641), of persons entitled to enrollment as citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior December 12, 1902.

It does not appear from the record herein or from the records in the possession of this office that said applicant has ever been enrolled by the Choctaw tribal authorities as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation, or admitted to Choctaw citizenship by a duly constituted court or committee of the Choctaw Nation, or by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, or by a decree of the United States Court in Indian Territory, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 10, 1898 (29 Stats., 321).

I am of the opinion that following the ruling of the Department in the cases of Eliza Bryant, et al. (I.T.D. 544-1904), Ed Williams (I.T.D. 4230-1904), William Hector (I.T.D. 1468-1904), Minnie Duncan (I.T.D. 1470-1904), Samantha Chambers (I.T.D. 2296-1904), Martha Albert (I.T.D. 4732-1904), Moses Ross (I.T.D. 6056-1904), Jane Looney (I.T.D. 12688-1904), and Frankie Grimmett (I.T.D. 7002-1905), the application for the enrollment of Annie Bradley as a Choctaw freedman should be denied, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stats., 495), and it is so ordered.

I am further of the opinion that Annie Bradley is not entitled to be enrolled as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation, and that her application for enrollment as such should be denied,

under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stats., 495), and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

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17-D-215.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 18, 1906.

COPY.

Annie Bradley,

Lenton, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered July 18, 1906, denying your application for enrollment as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.

Incl. 17-D-215.

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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 18, 1906.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered July 18, 1906, denying the application for the enrollment of Anna Bradley as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Incl. 17-D-215

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 18, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is herewith transmitted the record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Annie Bradley as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated July 18, 1906, denying said application.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

JP Jr.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON. FHE

D.C. 2227-1907.
I.T.D. 50-1907.

January 8, 1907.

LRS

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

July 18, 1906, you transmitted the record in the matter of the application for the enrolment of Annie Bradley as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation, including your decision of the same date, denying said application.

Reporting January 3, 1907 (Land 62146-06), the Indian Office recommends that your decision be approved. A copy of its letter is inclosed.

The Department concurs in said recommendation, and your decision is hereby affirmed.

The papers in the case have been returned to the Indian Office for its files.

Respectfully,

Jesse E. Wilson

First Assistant Secretary.

Through the commissioner
of Indian Affairs.
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Refer in reply to the following:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

LAND
62146-1906.

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON.

Januaey 3, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is inclosed a report from the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated July 18, 1906, transmitting the record relative to the application of Annie Bradley for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

On December 10, 1902, Annie Bradley applied to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman. As she also claims the right to be enrolled as a citizen by blood, her application for such enrollment was considered.

On July 18, 1906, the Commissioner held that the applicant was not entitled to enrollment either as a freedman or as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

The record shows that the applicant was born about the year 1872 and is the daughter of Louisa (or Lovine) Henderson, deceased, an alleged Choctaw freedman through whom the applicant claims her right to such enrollment.

The evidence does not show that Louisa (or Lovine) Henderson, deceased, was a resident of the Choctaw Nation at the date of the

Treaty of Fort Smith in 1865, though living at that date, and she therefore was not a Choctaw freedman within the provisions of Article 3 of the Treaty of 1866., nor does the record show that she has ever been enrolled as a Choctaw freedman.

Thomas E. Henderson, father of the applicant, is identified at No. 4287 on a list prepared by the Commission under the provisions of the Act of July 1, 1902 (32 Stat.L., 641) of persons entitled to enrollment as citizens by blood, and approved by the Department on December 12, 1902.

The Commissioner reports that the ap licant, Annie Bradley, has never been enrolled as a citizen by the tribal authorities of the Choctaw Nation or admitted as a citizen by any court or committee of the Choctaw Nation, or by the Commission or by the United States Court.

In view of the fact that the applicant is not an enrolled citizen of the Choctaw Nation and was not descended from a Choctaw freedman, the decision of the Commissioner adverse to her is recommended for approval.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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17-D-215

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 31, 1907.

Annie Bradley,

Lenton, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

You are hereby notified that on January 8, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered July 18, 1906, denying your application for enrollment as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-D-215

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 31, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,
Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that on January 8, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered July 18, 1906, denying the application for the enrollment of Annie Bradley as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choctaw Freedman
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 31, 1905.

Annie Bradley,

Lenton, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 26, in which you state that you have not yet been able to appear before the Commission and wish to be advised if you will be allowed to make such appearance at Hugo.

In reply to your letter you are informed that the Commission has no representative at Hugo for the purpose of hearing testimony in enrollment cases. It will therefore be necessary for you to appear in person before the Commission at its office in Muskogee, Indian Territory, if you desire to introduce further testimony in your case.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-D-215

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 6, 1906.

Anna Bradley,

Lenton, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of June 27, 1906, in which you ask if your case has yet been decided.

In reply you are advised that no decision has yet been reached in the matter of your application for enrollment as a Chootaw freedman, but it is probable that a decision will be rendered in this case in the near future and you will be notified of such action as is taken therein.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-D-216.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 27, 1906.

Anna Bradley,

Lenton, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of August 17th, giving the names of certain of your relatives in the matter of your application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

In reply you are advised that on July 18th, 1906, the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered his decision denying your application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, and on the same day the record in the case together with this decision was forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior, and you will be notified of Departmental action therein.

Very respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

M. C. C.

17-D-215

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 18, 1906.

Annie Bradley,

Lenton, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of September 10, 1906, in which you give the names of witnesses who can testify in your case.

In reply to your letter you are advised that on July 18, 1906, the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered a decision refusing your application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman and on the same day the record in this case was forwarded the Secretary of the Interior. This office has not yet been notified of Departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN

Annie Bradley

ACTION APPROVED BY
SECRETARY OF INTERIOR.

NOTICE OF DEPARTMENTAL ACTION
MAILED PARTIES HEREIN.

JAN 31 1907

Choc FR D-216 Jane Hall

Refused June 22, 1905

FR D-216

Department of the Interior.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
Wister, I. T., December 16th, 1902.

Original Freedman ---------oOo---------
C H O C T A W

In the matter of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Jane Hall and her two minor children Pearlie McLish and Beulah Hall.

Jane Hall being first duly sworn testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Jane Hall.
Q How old are you? A I was about five years old when I was freed. About forty-two years old.
Q What is your post office address? A Spiro.
Q Spiro, Indian Territory? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your father? A Ben Clark.
Q Is he living or dead? A Dead.
Q What is the name of your mother? A Frances Clark.
Q Is she living or dead? A Dead.
Q Do you claim the right to make application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q Through whom do you claim such right? A Peter Folsom.
Q Was you the slave of Peter Folsom? A Peter Folsom, yes sir.
Q Where was you freed? A Here in the Choctaw Nation.
Q At what place? A Freed here is all I can tell you.
Q Don't you know anything about what place you were at?
A I don't know just now; I cant remember; you see I was small; I cant remember.
Q You were too small to remember the place? A Yes sir.
Q Were you old enough so you can remember any of the circumstances?
A No sir.
Q All you know then about having been the slave of Peter Folsom is what you were told by your friends and relatives? A And my father and mother.
Q Do you remember when the roll of Choctaw freedmen was made in 1885? A I remember when it was, but I don't remember what year.
Q Where was you living at that time? A Skullyville.
Q Did you go before the Choctaw Commission that made that roll in 1885? A Yes sir.
Q Did you receive a hundred dollars in money at that time?
A My husband received it for me; I didn't receive it myself; I wasn't there; I was sick.
Q Your husband received the money for you? A Yes sir.
Q Had you had any conversation with him in regard to this matter before he went there? A Yes sir, he went after it.
Q You had agreed to take it before he went? A Yes sir.

Q Have you ever been married? A Yes sir.
Q How many times? A I have been married three times. At the time this money was spoke of they didn't tell us how much money we was going to get; they just told us which would we father have, land or money; they didn't tell us how much we was going to get.
Q You registered for money? A Yes sir.
Q And received one hundred dollars? A Yes sir.
Q Are you married now? A No sir, my husband's dead.
Q Have you ever been married? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your husband? A My first husband was named Wright Rodgers.
Q Did you ever have any children by him? A Yes sir.
Q How many children did you have? A Two children, one is dead and one is living--my oldest.
Q Was your oldest child ever listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q Did you receive one hundred dollars for that child also?
A I suppose we did; I never seen the money of course; my husband said he got it; I never had it in my hand; I just took his word for it.
Q Are you divorced from your first husband? A My first husband died.
Q After that were you married to another man? A Yes sir.
Q What was his name? A Andy Rodgers.
Q Is he living or dead? A Living.
Q Are you separated from him now? A Yes sir.
Q How many children have you got? A Five living.
Q What are their names? A Annie, and the next to the oldest is Chester; next to Chester is Pearlie, and the next is Lucille.
Q What is the other one's name? A Beulah.
Q Who is the father of Annie? A Wright Rodgers, my first husband.
Q Was Annie ever listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman?
A Yes sir.
Q Did you ever make application for the enrollment of the other children before this time? A I have for Chester and Annie.
Q When? A At the same time I registered at Skullyville; that's the only two children I had; the others been born since the registration.
Q Did you get pay for the other two? A The two oldest--Chester and Annie.
Q What is the name of your oldest child you want to include in this application? A Pearlie McLish.
Q How old is she? A She's fourteen years old.
Q What is the name of the next one? A Beulah Hall.
Q How old is she? A Be two years old the 16th of March.
Q Did you ever attempt to make application for the enrollment of yourself and these two children before this time? A No sir.

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Form 341—5

Albert D. McMillan being first duly sworn states that he stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported the proceedings had in the above entitled cause on the 15th day of December, 1902, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes taken in said cause on said date.

Albert D. McMillan

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of January, 1903.

Charles Matthews

Notary Public.

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Department of the Interior,
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Atoka, Indian Territory, September 6, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Jane Hall, et al., for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen.

JANE HALL, having been first duly sworn, testified in herown behalf as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

Q What is your name? A Jane Harris. I am married again; I was Jane Hall before I married.
Q How old are you? A Forty-two or forty-three.
Q Where do you live? A Spiro.
Q How long have you lived in the Choctaw Nation? A All my days. I was born and raised in the Choctaw Nation.
Q How many times have you been married? A Five times.
Q What was the name of your first husband? A Wright Rogers.
Q Did you have any children by him? A Yes, two children.
Q Give their names? A Only one is living, that is Annie Rogers.
Q She is living? A Yes, sir.
Q How old is Annie? A Twenty-two years old the 16th of last July.
Q Who was your second husband? A Andy Rogers.
Q Did you have any children by Andy? A One.
Q What is its name? A Chester.
Q How old is Chester. A Chester is--he is about, I suppose he is going on 18 years old.
Q That is the only child you had by Andy? A I have one dead by him.
Q Who did you marry after you married Andy Rogers? A Martin Byrd.
Q Did you have any children by him? A Yes, sir, I had one,--Jessie Byrd.
Q How old is Jessie? A 18 years old.
Q Is that the only child you had by Martin Byrd? A Yes, sir.
Q After Byrd who did you marry? A I married Lee Hall.
Q How many children have you by him? A One child.
Q What is its name? A Beulah Hall.
Q How old is she? A Four years old the 15th of this coming March.
Q Is that all the children you have? A Yes, sir.
Q Did you marry a man named Mulish? A No, had a child that I called Penelia Mulish. She is 18 years old.
Q How you are married again? A Yes, sir.
Q What is your present husband's name? A John Harris.
Q How long have you been living with him? A A year this last August.
Q Who is Lucile Hall? Are Lucile Hall and Jessie Byrd identical? A Yes, sir, they are the same person. One child with the two names.

Q Were any of these men you married Choctaw Freedmen? A One.
Q Which one was that? A Martin Byrd.
Q This child by Martin Byrd is enrolled? A Yes, sir.
Q Do you claim to be a Choctaw Freedmen? A I was a Choctaw Freedmen, but I was one that took the money.
Q When they offered the Choctaw Freedmen $100.00 if they would relinquish all their rights, did you take the $100? A Yes.
Q And gave up all your rights as a Choctaw Freedmen? A Yes, sir.
Q So, you don't claim anything? A No, sir.

Witness excused.

Mary E. Rogers, having been by me first duly sworn, on oath states that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes as taken in said cause on said date.

Mary E. Rogers

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 7 day of September, 1904.

Mary Shelly
Notary Public.

17-D-216.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for enrollment of Jane Hall and her children as Choctaw Freedmen.

--: D E C I S I O N :--

It appears from the record herein that on December 16, 1902, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Jane Hall and her children, Pearlie McLish, fourteen years of age, Beulah Hall, two years of age, Annie Rogers (as Annie Hall), twenty years of age, and Chester Rogers (as Chester Hall), sixteen years of age, as Choctaw Freedmen. Further proceedings were had in the matter of said application at Atoka, Indian Territory, on September 6, 1904.

It further appears from the record herein that the said Jane Hall was the slave of one Peter Folsom, a recognized Choctaw citizen, during and at the close of the War of the Rebellion; that the said Jane Hall in the year 1885 received from the Choctaw Nation, under the provisions of the Act of the Choctaw National Council approved May 21, 1883, the sum of One Hundred dollars, in lieu and in full satisfaction of any right she might have to share in the tribal property of said Nation as a Choctaw Freedman, and also received from said Nation the sum of Two Hundred dollars in lieu and in full satisfaction of any right her said children, Annie Rogers and Chester Rogers might have to share in said tribal property as Choctaw Freedmen.

It further appears from the record herein that Pearlie McLish, who was born about the year 1888, and Beulah Hall, who was born about the year 1900, are the minor children of the said Jane Hall, and claim the right to enrollment through their mother.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Jane Hall, Pearlie McLish, Beulah Hall, Annie Rogers and Chester Rogers are not entitled to be enrolled as Choctaw Freedmen, and

that the application for their enrollment as such should be denied, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1898, (30 Stat., 495), and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Chairman.

Commissioner.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 22, 1905.

COPY.

Jane Hall,

Spiro, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered June 22, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of yourself and children, Pearlie McLish, Beulah Hall, Annie Rogers and Chester Rogers, as Choctaw freedmen.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as the Commission is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Registered. Chairman.

Incl. 17-D-216.

17-D-216

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 22, 1905.

COPY.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory,

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of this Commission, rendered June 22, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of June Hall, Pearlie McLish, Beulah Hall, Annie Rogers and Chester Rogers, as Choctaw freedmen.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as the Commission is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Incl. 17-D-216. Chairman.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 22, 1905.

COPY.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is herewith transmitted the record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Jane Hall, Pearlie McLish, Beulah Hull, Annie Rogers and Chester Rogers as Chöctaw freedmen, including the decision of the Commission, dated June 22, 1905, denying said application.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

2 Incl. 17-D-216.

J. F. Jr.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, LLB

D C 56941-1905.
I.T.D.17230-1905.

Washington. December 21, 1905.

L.R.S.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

There is inclosed herewith a copy of an opinion of the Assistant Attorney-General of December 13, 1905, in the matter of the application of Jane Hall (now Harris) for the enrollment of herself and her four children, Annie Hall (or Rogers), Chester Rogers (or Hall), Pearlie McLish, and Beulah Hall, as Choctaw freedmen.

In accordance with said opinion the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, adverse to the claimants, is hereby approved.

A copy of the Indian Office letter of August 8, 1905 (Land 48794), in which it is recommended that the Commission's decision be approved, is inclosed.

Respectfully,

Thos. Ryan,

2 inclosures. First Assistant Secretary.

I.T.D.7241-1905. (Copy) J.R.W.
W.C.P.
S.V.P.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Assistant Attorney-General

Washington.

December 13, 1905.

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

By reference of September 25, 1905, requesting opinion thereon, I received the record upon the application of Jane Hall (now Harris) for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen of herself and her four children, Annie Hall (or Rogers), Chester Rogers (or Hall), Pearlie McLish, and Beulah Hall, aged twenty, sixteen, fourteen, and two years, respectively.

The Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes found and held that:

It further appears from the record herein that the said Jane Hall was the slave of one Peter Folsom, a recognized Choctaw citizen, during and at the close of the War of the Rebellion; that the said Jane Hall in the year 1883 received from the Choctaw Nation, under the provisions of the Act of the Choctaw National Council approved May 21, 1883, the sum of one hundred dollars, in lieu and in full satisfaction of any right she might have to share in the tribal property of said Nation as a Choctaw Freedman, and also received from said Nation the sum of two hundred dollars in lieu and in full satisfaction of any right her said children, Annie Rogers and Chester Rogers might have to share in said tribal property as Choctaw Freedmen.

It further appears from the record herein that Pearlie McLish, who was born about the year 1888, and Beulah Hall, who was born about the year 1900, are the minor children of the said Jane Hall, and claim the right to enrollment through their mother.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Jane Hall, Pearlie McLish, Beulah Hall, Annie Rogers and Chester

Rogers are not entitled to be enrolled as Choctaw Freedmen, and that the application for their enrollment as such should be denied, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stat., 495), and it is so ordered.

The Indian Office recommended approval of that action.

The Act of June 28, 1898 (30 Stat., 495, 503), directs the Commission that:

It shall make a correct roll of all Choctaw freedmen entitled to citizenship under the treaties and laws of the Choctaw Nation and all their descendants born to them since the date of the treaty.

The Rights of Choctaw freedmen have their origin in Article III of the treaty proclaimed July 10, 1866, which provides:

The Choctaws and Chickasaws, in consideration of the sum of three hundred thousand dollars, hereby cede to the United States the territory west of the 98 west longitude, known as the leased district, provided that the said sum shall be invested and held by the United States, at an interest not less than five per cent, in trust for the said nations, until the legislatures of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations respectively shall have made such laws, rules, and regulations as may be necessary to give all persons of African descent, resident in the said nations at the date of the treaty of Fort Smith, and their descendants, heretofore held in slavery among said nations, all the rights, privileges, and immunities, including the right of suffrage, of citizens of said nations, except in the annuities, moneys, and public domain claimed by, or belonging to, said nations respectively; and also to give to such persons who were residents as aforesaid, and their descendants, forty acres each of the land of said nations on the same terms as the Choctaws and Chickasaws, to be selected on the survey of said land, after the Choctaws and Chickasaws and Kansas Indians have made their selections as herein provided; and immediately on the enactment of such laws, rules, and regulations, the said sum of three hundred thousand dollars shall be paid to the said Choctaw and Chickasaw nations in the

proportion of three fourths to the former and one fourth to the latter,---less such sum, at the rate of one hundred dollars per capita, as shall be sufficient to pay such persons of African descent before referred to as within ninety days after the passage of such laws, rules, and regularities shall elect to remove and actually remove from the said nations respectively. And should the said laws, rules, and regulations not be made by the legislatures of the said nations respectively, within two years from the ratification of this treaty, then the said sum of three hundred thousand dollars shall cease to be held in trust for the said Choctaw and Chickasaw nations, and be held for the use and benefit of such of said persons of African descent as the United States shall remove from the said territory in such manner as the United States shall deem proper,---the United States agreeing, within ninety days from the expiration of the said two years, to remove from said nations all such persons of African descent as may be willing to remove; those remaining or returning after having been removed from said nations to have no benefit of said sum of three hundred thousand dollars , or any part thereof, but shall be upon the same footing as other citizens of the United States in the said nations.

May 21, 1883, the general council of the Choctaw Nation (Laws, Choctaw Nation, 335, Durant's Ed., 1894,) gave all former Choctaw or Chickasaw slaves of African descent resident in the Nation September 13, 1865, and their descendants all the rights of Choctaw citizens, except in annuity money and the public domain, and further declared them entitled to forty acres of the tribal lands. Sections 5 and 6 of the act further provided:

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, that all said persons that shall elect to remove and do actually and permanently remove from the nation, are hereby declared to be entitled to one hundred dollars per capita, as provided in said third article of the treaty of 1866.

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, that all said persons who shall decline to become citizens of the Choctaw nation and

who do not elect to remove permanently from the nation are hereby declared to be intruders on the same footing as other citizens of the United States resident herein, and subject to removal for similar causes.

The enrollment and payment referred to by the Commission were pursuant to the foregoing provisions of the treaty and the Choctaw act of 1883. In her letter of August 1, 1905, to the Secretary of the Interior respecting her case, repeated in substance in her letter of September 12, 1905, to him, Mrs. Hall says:

It is true that I made application for the money, but I did not receive any money at all and gave no one any power to receive any money. To this statement I have living witness that I did not at any time receive any money from the Choctaw Nation, but Andy Rogers, a non-citizen, I am informed, got, or did receive the money, whom I was living with at that time as a husband. He got the money without my consent.....At the time that this money they claim I received I was sick in bed and was not able to know anybody at that time and never at all received no money.

In her testimony before the Commission, December 16, 1902, the record touching this payment is as follows:

Q. Do you remember when the roll of Choctaw freedmen was made in 1885?---A. I remember when it was but I don't remember what year.

Q. Did you go before the Choctaw Commission that made that roll in 1885?---A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you receive a hundred dollars in money at that time?---A. My husband received it for me; I didn't receive it myself; I wasn't there, I was sick.

Q. Your husband received the money for you?---A. Yes, sir.

Q. Had you any conversation with him in regard to

this matter before he went there?--A. Yes, sir, he went after it.

Q. You had agreed to take it before he went?--A. Yes, sir. . . . At the time this money was spoke of they didn't tell us how much money he was going to get; they just told us which would we rather have, land or money; they didn't tell us how much we was going to get.

Q. You registered for money?---A. Yes, sir.

Q. Was you oldest child (Annie) ever listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman?---A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you receive one hundred dollars for that child also?---A. I suppose we did; I never seen the money of course; my husband said he got it; I never had it in my hand; I just took his word for it.

Q. Did you ever make application for the enrollment of the other children before this time?---A. I have for Chester and Annie.

Q. When?---A. At the same time I registered at Skullyville; that's the only two children I had; the others have been born since the registration.

Q. Did you get pay for the other two?---A. The two oldest Chester and Annie.

Mrs. Hall again testified before the Commission September 6, 1904, and on this subject her testimony was:

Q. Do you claim to be a Choctaw freedman?---A. I was a Choctaw freedman, but I was one that took the money.

Q. When they offered the Choctaw freedmen $100 if they would relinquish all their rights, did you take the $100?---A. Yes.

Q. And gave up all your rights as a Choctaw freedman?--A. Yes, sir.

Q. So you don't claim anything?---A. No, sir.

Her examination and testimony is so full and explicit that it is clear she had in 1885 full understanding that the proposed payment of one hundred dollars was to be in full

satisfaction of all her claim under the treaty of all rights of Choctaw citizenship and to lands. She testifies that "they told us which would we rather have land or money? She "registered for money." She had a conversation with her husband about it "before he went," and "had agreed to take it before he went," and in her testimony in 1904 says she "gave up all rights as a Choctaw freedman," and "don't claim anything now." There seems to have been a full understanding and a full and intelligent election by her. Under the general rule obtaining among Indians the parent had authority to act for the child. The enrollment of this woman and her two children then living, among those of the Choctaw freedmen who had elected to accept $100 each and remove from the Nation, was justified. After this election and payment thereunder these parties were no longer entitled to recognition to participate in any further distribution of the property of the Choctaw Nation. Children born after this woman's severance from the Nation, and claiming alone through her, could have no claim to such recognition. None of these applicants is entitled to enrollment.

The papers submitted are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

Frank L. Campbell,

Assistant Attorney-General.

December 13, 1905,

Approved:

E. A. Hitchcock,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON.

August 3, 1905.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose a report from the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated June 22, 1905, transmitting the record of the application for enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen by Jane Hall for herself and her children, Pearlie McLish, age fourteen, Beulah Hall, age Two, Annie Rogers (as Annie Hall) age twenty and Chester Rogers (as Chester Hall) age sixteen.

June 22, 1905, the Commission decided adversely to the applicants.

The record shows that Hane Hall was the slave of a recognized Choctaw citizen during and at the close of the war of the rebellion; that in the year 1885 she received from the Choctaw Nation the sum of one hundred dollars in lieu and in full satisfaction of any right she might have to share in the tribal property of said Nation as a Choctaw Freedman, and also received from that Nation the sum of two hundred dollars in

lieu and in full satisfaction of any right her children, Annie and Chester Rogers might have to share in the tribal property as Choctaw Freedmen.

It further appears that Pearlie McLish, who was born about 1888, and Beulah Hall, who was born about 1900, are the minor children of Jane Hall and claim right to enrollment through their mother.

In view of the record the approval of the Commission's decision adverse to all the applicants is recommended.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

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Acting Commissioner.

17-D-216

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 3, 1906.

Jane Harris,

Spiro, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

You are hereby advised that on December 21, 1905, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of June 22, 1905, refusing your application for the enrollment of yourself and children, Pearlie McLish, Beulah Hall, Annie Rogers and Chester Rogers as Choctaw freedmen.

For your information there is inclosed herewith copy of Departmental letter of December 21, 1905, transmitting copy of approved opinion of the Assistant Attorney General for the Department of the Interior, of December 13, 1905, in your case.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner.

17-D-216

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 3, 1906.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory,

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that on December 21, 1905, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of June 22, 1905, refusing the application for the enrollment of Jane Hall, Pearlie McLish, Beulah Hall, Annie Rogers and Chester Rogers, as Choctaw freedmen.

For your information there is inclosed herewith copy of Departmental letter of December 21, 1905, transmitting copy of opinion of the Assistant Attorney General for the Department of the Interior of December 13, 1905, in this case.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner.

17-D-216

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 27, 1904.

John Harris,

Braden, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 22nd inst., requesting information relative to the enrollment of Luescoal or Jesse Bird, stating that application was made for her enrollment at Spiro, Indian Territory, and that she is the daughter of Martin Bird and Jane Hall.

You are advised that from the information contained in your letter the Commission is able to identify the party concerning whom your inquiry is made as being an applicant for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman under the name of Lucille Hall, but her right to such enrollment has not yet been determined.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Choctaw Freedman
D 216

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 3, 1904.

John Harris,

Spiro, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of February 22, requesting that the name of Lucille Hall be changed to Jesse Bird and you are informed that your request has been made a matter of record.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Choctaw Freedman
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 17, 1904.

John Harris,

Spiro, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 13, asking if the enrollment of Jesse Bird as a Choctaw freedman has been approved by the Secretary of the Interior that you be furnished ticket of admission to the land office for the purpose of filing on his allotment.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the Commission has not yet passed upon the application of Lucille Hall, or Jesse Bird, for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, and no selection of allotment can be made in behalf of this child at this time.

Respectfully ,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-218

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 31, 1904.

Jane Hall,

Spiro, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 23rd inst., relative to the enrollment of your minor daughter, Jessie Bird, whose father you state is Martin Bird, deceased, who was a Choctaw freedman.

You are advised that the information contained in your letter has been made a matter of record in the application for enrollment ofLucile Hall, (or Jessie Bird), as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-D-216

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 10, 1904.

Jane Hall,

Spiro, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 27, 1904, requesting to be advised relative to the enrollment of your minor daughter, Jessie Bird.

You are informed it appears from our records that Lucile Hall, is an applicant to this Commission for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, but her right to final enrollment as such has not yet been determined.

It appears from a communication received from you bearing date of March 23, 1904, that Lucile Hall and Jesse Bird are one and the same person.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-D-216.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 20, 1904.

Jane Hall,

Spiro, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

The Commission will hold a session at the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka, Indian Territory, September 6-7, 1904 and at the Chickasaw Land Office, Tishomingo, Indian Territory, September 8-9, 1904.

If you so desire, you may appear at one of the above named appointments, together with such witnesses as you may be able to procure, for the purpose of testifying relative to the rights of yourself and family as Choctaw freedmen, or you may appear for this purpose at the general office of the Commission, Muskogee, Indian Territory at any time.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-D-216

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 31, 1905.

Jane Harris,

Spiro, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 12, 1904, which was received at this office January 21, 1905, in which you state that you enrolled for the money but never received any and you think you are entitled to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

In reply to your letter you are informed that the Commission has not yet passed upon the application for the enrollment of yourself and your children as Chotaw freedmen, but when a decision is reached in this case you will be notified of the action taken therein.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-D-816

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 9, 1904.

Jane Harris,

Spiro, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 5, 1904, in which you state it is true that you enrolled for money but you never received any and you have witnesses to prove that you did not ever receive any money as a Choctaw freedman.

In reply to your letter you are informed that at the time you appeared before the Commission at Atoka, Indian Territory, September 6, 1904, you stated that you were a Choctaw freedman, but were one that took the money and the following is a portion of your testimony:

"Q. When they offered the Choctaw freedmen $100.00 if they would relinquish all their rights, did you take the $100? A. Yes. Q. And gave up all your rights as a Choctaw freedman? A. Yes, sir. Q. So you don't claim anything? A. No, sir."

This is apparently a relinquishment on your part of any claim to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman and it is not seen what evidence you could offer which would controvert your statement above quoted.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-D-216

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 25, 1905.

Jane Harris,

Spiro, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of February 15, 1905, relative to your right to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman in which you request that your case be passed upon as early as as practicable.

In reply to your letter you are informed that the Commission has not yet passed upon your application for the enrollment of yourself and your children as Choctaw freedmen, but when a decision is reached in this case you will be notified of the action taken therein.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-D-216.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 25, 1905.

Jane Hall,

Spiro, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 27th, asking to be advised of the decision in your case.

In reply, you are informed that the Commission is now considering your application for enrollment of yourself and minor children, as Choctaw freedmen, and when the decision is reached in this case, you will be advised of the action taken therein.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-D-216.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 31, 1905.

Jane Harris,

Spiro, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of May 26, asking the status of your application for enrollment.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the Commission is now considering the application made by you for the enrollment of yourself and your children as Choctaw Freedmen, and as soon as a decision is reached in this case you will be notified of the action taken therein.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-D-216

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 24, 1905.

Jane Harris,

Spiro, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 9, 1905, asking the status of the enrollment of yourself and your family.

In reply to your letter you are advised that on June 22, 1905, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered its decision in refusing your application for enrollment of yourself and your children Pearlie McLish, Beulah Hall and Chester Rogers as Choctaw freedmen, and the same day the record in this case was forwarded the Secretary of the Interior. This office has not yet been advised of Departmental action in this case.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-D-216

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 11, 1905.

Jane Harris,

Spiro, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of November 22, 1905, addressed to the Secretary of the Interior has been by him referred to this office for consideration and appropriate action. Therein you ask an early decision in your case.

In reply to your letter you are advised that on June 28, 1905, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered its decision refusing your application for the enrollment of yourself and your children as Choctaw freedmen and on the same date the record in the case was forwarded the Secretary of the Interior. This office has not yet been advised of Departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

17-D-216

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 13, 1906.

Jane Harris,

Spiro, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 27, 1905, asking an early decision in the matter of your application for enrollment.

In reply to your letter you are advised that on June 22, 1906, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered its decision refusing the application for the enrollment of yourself and your children as Choctaw freedmen and on December 21, 1905, this action was approved by the Secretary of the Interior. This case is therefore considered closed.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Jane Hall et al

REFUSED JUN 22 1905

DECISION RENDERED JUN 22 1905

COPY OF DECISION FORWARDED ATTORNEYS FOR CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW NATIONS. JUN 22 1905

COPY OF DECISION FORWARDED APPLICANT JUN 22 1905

RECORD FORWARDED DEPARTMENT.

JUN 22 1905

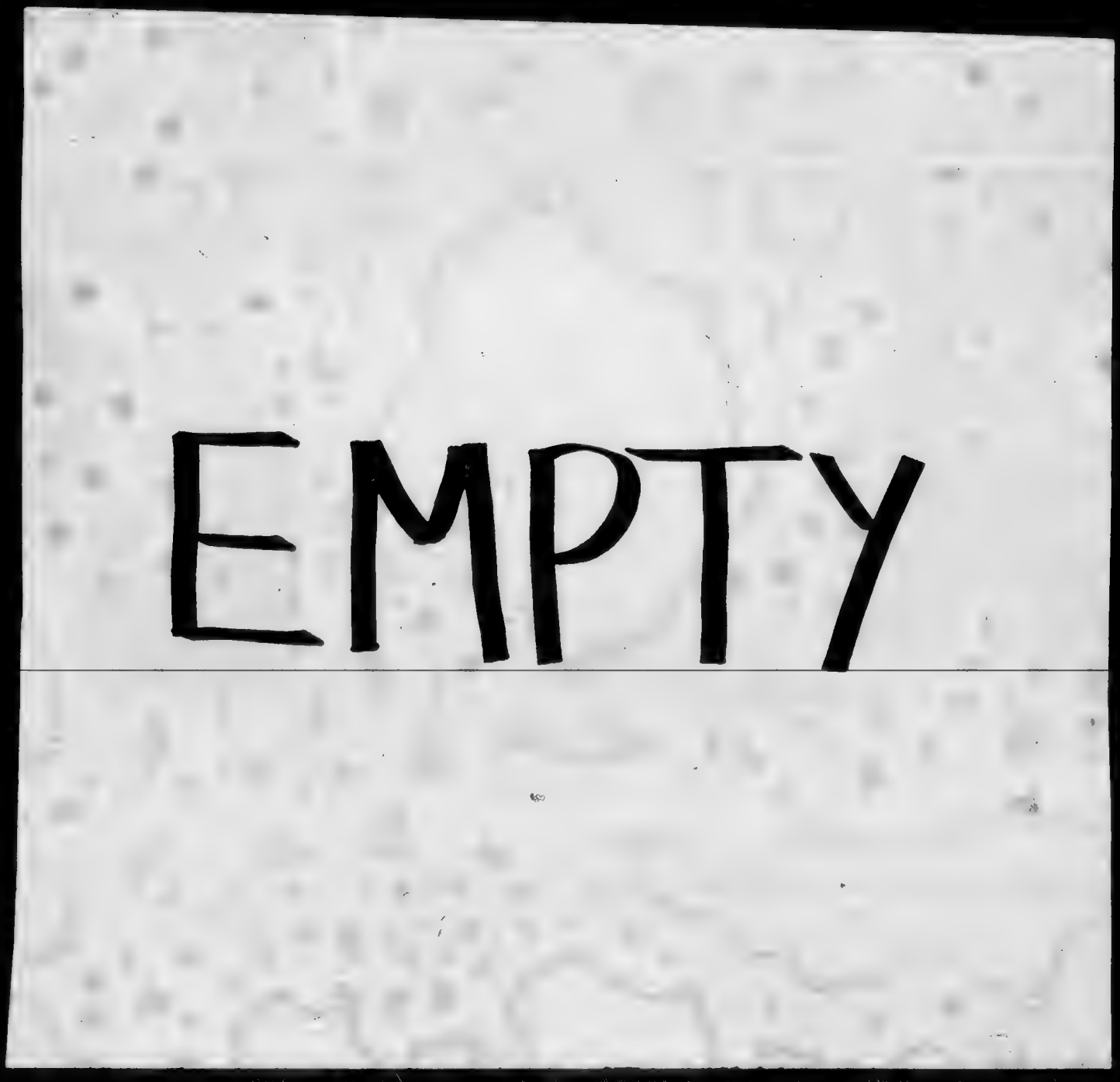
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NOTICE OF DEPARTMENTAL ACTION FORWARDED ATTORNEYS FOR CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW NATIONS.

JAN - 1906

Department of the Interior
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
MUSKOGEE, IND. TER.

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Refused June 22, 1905

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Department of the Interior.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
Wister, I. T., December 17th, 1902.

Choctaw Freedman
O R I G I N A L.

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In the matter of the application for enrollment of Henry Clark as a Choctaw Freedman.

Henry Clark being first duly sworn testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Henry Clark.
Q How old are you? A Forty-five.
Q What is your post office address? A Braden.
Q Indian Territory? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your father? A Ben Clark.
Q Is he living or dead? A He's dead.
Q What is the name of your mother? A Frances Clark.
Q Is she living or dead? A She's dead.
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your wife? A Zilla Clark.
Q Was youmthe slave of a Choctaw Indian? A Yes sir.
Q What was the name of that Choctaw Indian? A Peter Folsom.
Q Whereabouts did he live? A In the Choctaw Nation.
Q Whereabouts in the Choctaw Nation? A I don't remember the exact place; along up in there about Brushy.
Q Is he living or dead? A He's dead; his son is living.
Q Where were you freed--at what place? A Well, I cant hardly get at it, I disremember, but we was away out in Brushy; that was here in the Territory; we was freed here in the Choctaw Nation.
Q Near what place were you freed? A Brushy.
Q How long did you remain in the Choctaw Nation after you were freed? A Been here all my life.
Q Did you receive $100 from the Choctaw Nation in 1888? A Yes sir
Q Did you sign any papers relinquishing your rights as a Choctaw freedman at that time? A I guess they did; they asked me questions but I didn't understand them.
Q Did they ask you if you wanted to register for land or money?
A I told them - -I asked them what part; they said they would give me the 3rd and 4th article, and I told them I would take the money. They enever led me in no light about it at all.
Q You never made your home anywhere else except in the Choctaw Nation? A No sir.
Q Have you got any children? A Yes sir.
Q How many? A Got eight.
Q Has application ever been made for their enrollment as freedmen of either the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q In which Nation has application been made for them? A Chickasaw

The wife and children of this applicant appear on Chickasaw freedman card No. D-16.

Henry Clark---2

Albert G. McMillan being first duly sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported the proceedings had in the above entitled cause on the 17th day of December, 1902, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes taken in said cause on said date.

Albert G. McMillan

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2" day of January, 1903.

Charles Hesmyer

Notary Public.

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17-D-221.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Henry Clark as a Choctaw Freedman.

--: D E C I S I O N :--

It appears from the record herein that on December 17, 1902, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Henry Clark as a Choctaw Freedman.

It further appears from the record herein that the said Henry Clark was the slave of one Peter Folsom, a recognized Choctaw citizen, during and at the close of the War of the Rebellion; that the said Henry Clark in the year 1885 received from the Choctaw Nation, under the provisions of the Act of the Choctaw National Council approved May 21, 1883, the sum of One hundred dollars in lieu and in full satisfaction of any right he might have to share in the tribal property of said Nation as a Choctaw Freedman.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Henry Clark is not entitled to be enrolled as a Choctaw Freedman, and that the application for his enrollment as such should be denied, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1898, (30 Stat., 495), and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Chairman.

Commissioner.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,
JUN 22 1905

17-D-221

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 22, 1905.

Henry Clark,

Braden, Indian Territory,

COPY.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered June 22, 1905, denying the application for your enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as the Commission is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

Incl. 17-D-221.

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Muskog e e, Indian Territory, June 22, 1905.

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Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory,

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of this Commission, rendered June 22, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of Henry Clark as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as the Commission is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Incl. 17-D-221.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 22, 1905.

The Honorable,

COPY

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is herewith transmitted the record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Henry Clark as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commission, dated June 2[illegible], 1905, denying said application.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

2 Incl. 17-D-221.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
WASHINGTON.

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I.T.D. 9584-1905.

September 8, 1905.

LRS

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

On June 22, 1905, you transmitted the record in the matter of the application of Charley Clark for the enrollment of himself and his minor children, Mary Jane Clark and Henry Clark, as Choctaw Freedmen, including your decision of June 22, 1905, rejecting applicants.

You state in your decision, that it "appears from the record herein that the said Charley Clark was the slave of one Louis Folsom, a recognized Choctaw citizen, during and at the close of the War of the Rebellion; that the said Charley Clark in the year 1885 received from the Choctaw Nation, under the provisions of the Act of the Choctaw National Council, approved May 21, 1883, the sum of One Hundred Dollars in lieu and in full satisfaction of any right he might have to share in the tribal property of said Nation as a Choctaw Freedman."

Reporting July 28, 1905, the Indian Office recommended that your decision be approved.

The Act of the Choctaw National Council, approved May 21,

1883, relative to Choctaw Freedmen, provides:

"Sec. 5. Be it further enacted that all said persons that shall elect to remove and do actually and permanently remove from the nation are hereby declared to be entitled to one hundred dollars per capita, as provided in said third Article of the Treaty of 1866."

The record shows that the principal applicant was 42 years of age at the date of the application herein; that he has lived in the Indian Territory since he was about one year old. Whether he has lived all this time in the Choctaw Nation is not shown.

It is also shown by the record that in 1885, he was paid by the nation the sum of $100.00. It is not shown for what purpose this sum was paid and there is nothing in the record which shows conclusively that said sum was paid in accordance with the act of the Choctaw Council of May 21, 1883.

Before passing upon the rights of the applicant, the Department desires to be informed whether the records of the Choctaw Nation show that said sum was paid applicant in accordance with the provisions of the act above referred to.

It is desired that you report in the matter as early as practicable.

Respectfully,

THOS. RYAN,
Acting Secretary.

Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON.

W.C.F

O.K.

D.C. 42448-1905.
I.T.D. 9552-1905.

September 5, 1905.

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Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

On June 22, 1905, you transmitted the record in the matter of the application of Henry Clark, for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman, including your decision of same date rejecting the applicant.

It appears that the applicant is the brother of Charley Clark (17-D-224).

Your attention is invited to Departmental letter of even date relative to the application of said Charley Clark, and it is desired that you report in this case in accordance with instructions contained in said letter.

Respectfully,

THOS. RYAN,

Acting Secretary.

Through the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 27, 1905.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Departmental letter of September 5, 1905 (I.T.D. 9552-1905), referring to the application of Henry Clark for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman and inviting attention to Departmental letter of September 5, 1905 (I.T.D. 9554-1905), relative to the application of Charley Clark for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman and requesting that a report in the Henry Clark case be submitted in accordance with the instructions in the Charley Clark case.

I have the honor to report that the name of Henry Clark appears opposite Number 56 upon a list of Choctaw freedmen in "The Registration of Freedmen who Elect to Retire, First District, Choctaw Nation."

The nature of this record is explained in my letter of even date replying to Departmental letter of September 5, 1905, in reference to the application for the enrollment of Charley Clark as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby.
Commissioner.

Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

J.W.C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON.

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J.P.

October 4, 1906.

The Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

In accordance with the opinion of the Assistant Attorney General of September 28, 1906, in the Choctaw Freedman case of Charley Clark and his children, Mary Jane Clark and Henry Clark, and in the case of Henry Clark, decisions of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of June 22, 1905, adverse to the claimants, is hereby affirmed.

A copy of said opinion is inclosed.

These cases were submitted with your office letters of October 27, 1905, and June 22, 1905, respectively.

The papers in the cases have been returned to the Indian Office, Copies of the Indian Office letters of July 28, 1905, and January 3, 1906, submitting the cases, are inclosed.

Respectfully,

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Assistant Secretary.

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Through the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Land
48792-1905.

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON. July 28, 1905.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose a report from the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated June 22, 1905, transmitting the record of the application for enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen by Charley Clark for himself and his minor children, Mary Jane, aged six years, and Henry Clark, aged four years.

June 22, 1905, the Commission decided adversely to the applicants.

The record shows that Charley Clark was the slave of a recognized Choctaw citizen during and at the close of the war of the rebellion; that in 1885 he received from the Choctaw Nation the sum of one hundred dollars in lieu and in full satisfaction of any right he might have to share in the tribal property of that Nation as a Choctaw Freedman.

It further appears that Mary Jane Clark, who was born about 1896, and Henry Clark, who was born about 1898, are the minor children of Charley Clark and claim right to enrollment through him.

In view of the record the approval of the Commission's decision advirse to all the applicants is recommended.

Very respectfully,

C.F. Larrabee
Acting Commissioner.

M.M.M. (W)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Land
67242-1905. WASHINGTON .

January 3, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Referring to Department letter of September 5, 1905, I.T.D. 9552, concerning the application of Henry Clark for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman and inviting the attention of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes to Department letter of September 5, 190 I.T.D. 9554, relative to the application of Charley Clark for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, and requesting that a report in the Henry Clark case be submitted in accordance with the instructions in the Charley Clark case, there is enclosed a report from the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated October 27, 1905, saying that the name of Henry Clark appears opposite No. 56 upon a list of Choctaw freedmen in "The Registration of Freedmen who Elect to Retire, First District, Choctaw Nation."

Mr. Bixby further says that the nature of this record is explained in his letter of October 27, 1905, in reply to Department letter of September 5, 1905, concerning the application of Charley Clark for enrollment, which letter he enclosed with the report mentioned.

It appears that Charley Clark applied for the enrollment of himself and his minor children, Mary Jane and Henry Clark as Choctaw Freedmen. The Department in letter of September 5, 1905, called the attention of the Commissioner to

the Five Civilized Tribes of June 22, 1906, rejecting the applicants, as follows:

> It further appears from the record herein that the said Charley Clark was the slave of one Louie Folsom, a recognized Choctaw citizen during and at the close of the war of the rebellion; that the said Charley Clark, in the year 1885, received from the Choctaw Nation under the provisions of the act of the Choctaw National Council approved May 21, 1883, the sum of One Hundred Dollars in lieu and in full satisfaction of any right he might have to share in the tribal property of said nation as a Choctaw freedmen,

and the act of the Choctaw National Council approved May 21, 1883, relative to Choctaw freedmen, section 5 of which provides:

> Be it further enacted that all said persons that shall elect to remove and do actually and permanently remove from the nation are hereby declared to be entitled to one hundred dollars per capita, as provided in said third Article of the Treaty of 1866.

The Department informed the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes that the record shows that the principal applicant was forty-two years of age at the date of his application; that he had lived in the Indian Territory since he was about one year of age; that in 1885 he was paid by the Nation the sum of $100; and attention was called to the fact that the records does now show for what purpose this dum was paid, nor is there anything which shows conclusively that it was paid in accordance with the act of the Choctaw National Council of May 21, 1883. The Department desired information as to whether the records of the Choctaw Nation show that said sum was paid to Charley Clark in accordance with the provisions of the act mentioned.

Mr. Bixby reports that the name of Charley Clark is upon

a record furnished the Commissioner to the Five Civilised Tribes by the Choctaw tribal authorities, entitled "The Registration of Freedmen who Elect to Retire, First District, Choctaw Nation," and says that the record is in book form and includes the names of eighty-one persons, that of Charley Clark appearing upon the said list opposite No. 34, as the head of a family, and as having belonged to the Folsom family, Choctaw Nation, before the beginning of the war. He says that the following certificate is attached to and made a part of the record referred to and follows the list of eighty-one names:

> I, Thos. D. Ainsworth, Chief Commissioner of the Board of Registration for Freedmen for the First District of the Choctaw Nation, do hereby certify that the above andforegoing pages numbered one to three inclusive, containing names numbered from 1 to 81, inclusive, except numbers 52,53,54 and 76, erased by order of Commission, contained a complete list of freedmen and descendants who elect to take per capita allowance as registered by the Commission of the First District.
>
> Given under my hand this the thirtieth day of July, A. D. 1885. Thomas D. Ainsworth.

He concludes his report with the statement that he is unable to find any act of the Choctaw National Council authorizing and empowering a Commission to prepare the record mentioned, but says there is no doubt that the record is a list of persons who elected to remove and to whom the money was paid as provided by section 5 of the act of the Choctaw National Council approved May 21, 1883.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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C O P Y

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Office of the Assistant Attorney-General.

WASHINGTON.

I.T.D.
130-1906.

September 28, 1906.

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I received by reference of June 18, 1906, the records in the cases of Charley Clark and others and of Henry Clark, applicants for enrolment as Choctaw freedmen. In connection therewith my attention is directed to departmental letter of February 26, 1884, accepting the Choctaw act of May 21, 1883, adopting the Chocta freedmen; the opinion of this office of August 9, 1898; paragraph 6, section 21, act of June 28, 1898 (30 stat., 495,502); to paragraphs 3, 4, and 7 of the Atoka agreement, contained in section 29 of the act of 1898, supra, and to sections 3 and 11 of the act of July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 641). My opinion is requested whether the applicants should be enrolled as Choctaw freedmen.

There is no controversy as to the facts. The principal applicants were slaves of recognized Choctaw citizens, who have always resided in the Choctaw Nation, never having removed therefrom. They were each paid $100, under section 5 of the Choctaw act of May 21, 1883. The case is therefore in all material respects like that on Jane Hall, subject of my opinion

of December 13, 1905, to which reference is here made, and for reasons there stated, I am of opinion the applicants should be denied and the action of the Commission be affirmed.

Very respectfully,

Frank L. Campbell,

Assistant Attorney-General.

Approved: September 28, 1906.

Thos. Ryan.
Acting Secretary.

17-D-221

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 17, 1906.

Henry Clark,

Braden, Indian Territory,

COPY

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on October 4, 1906, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of June 22, 1905, denying the application for your enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

17-D-221
17-D-224

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 17, 1906.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory,

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that on October 4, 1906, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of June 2[illegible], 1906, denying the applications for the enrollment of Henry Clark, Charley Clark, Mary Jane Clark and Henry Clark, as Choctaw freedmen.

For your information there is inclosed herewith copy of Departmental letter of October 4, 1906, transmitting an approved op opinion of the Assistant Attorney General of September 28, 1906.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner.

7-D-221.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 29, 1906.

Eva Stepps,

Brazil, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your minor child, James Bohanan Dukes, as a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation, you are advised that it will be necessary before any further action can be taken therein that other witnesses be presented, who can testify relative to the parentage of said child.

If possible, it would be advisable that the merchant, who James Bohanan instructed to allow you $50.00 credit a year for the support of said child, be presented at this office for the purpose of giving testimony in said case.

Kindly give this matter your immediate attention.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Henry

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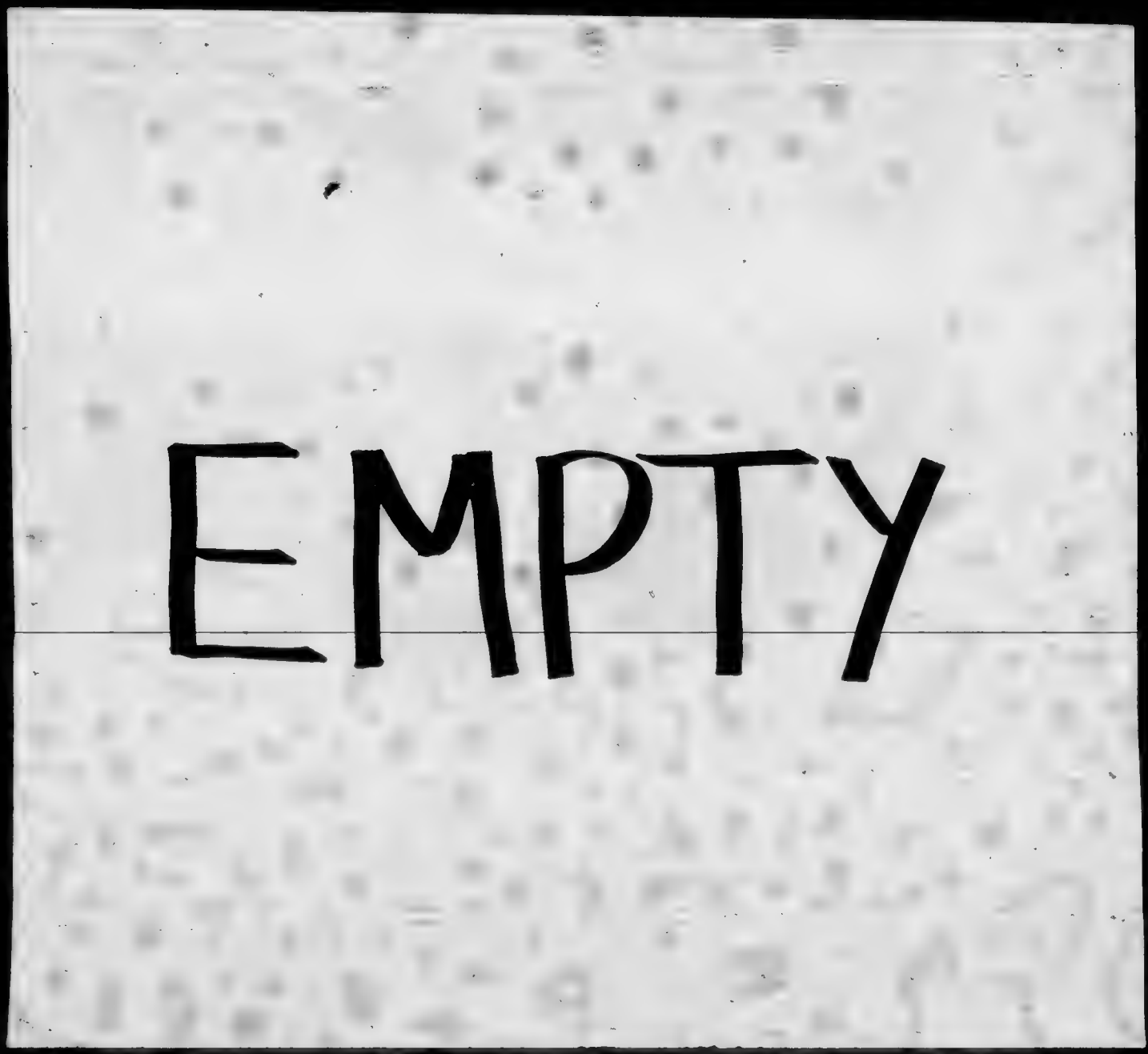
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
Wister, I.T. December 18, 1902.

Original Choctaw Freedman.

In the matter of the original aplication of Charley Clark for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman.

Charley Clak being duly sworn testified as follows:

Examinatan by the Comssion:

Q What is your nam? A Charley Clark.
Q How old are you? A Forty two
Q What is your post office address? A Braseel.
Q Indian Territory? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your father? A Ben Clark
Q Is he living? A No sir, dead.
Q What is the name of your mother? A Frances Clark.
Q Is she living? A No sir, she is dead.
Q Do you want to ake application for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman? A Yes sir.
Q Was you the slave of a Choctaw Indian? A Yes sir.
Q What was the name of that Choctaw Indian? A Louie Folsom.
Q Is he living? A He is living up here by McCurtain.
Q Where was you born? A In Florida.
Q When was youbrought to the Indian Territory? A When I was abou t one year old; I don't know exactly.By this Folsom.
Q Have you lived in the Indian Territory since that time? AYes sir.
Q Never have been out in that time? A Never was out one year in the Stàes.
Q You were living in the Choctaw Nation, then, in 1885? A Yes sir
Q Did you receive money fromthe Choctaw Nation in 1885? A Yes, $100.00.
Q Where was tht money paid to you? A Muskogee.
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your wife? A Laura.
Q Is she a Choctaw or Chickasaw Freedman? A She's aChoctaw Freedman; she wasn't old enough to be a freedman herself but her father was.
Q Is she a Choctaw Freedman--yes or no? A I don't know.
Q Do you know whether she has ever been listed for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman? A No sir, I don't.
Q What is the nam of her father? A Tush.
Q Have you got any children? A Yes, two.
Q When were you married to Laura Tush? A It will be 7 years the 18th day of this coming April.
Q You were married to her in 1896 then were you? A Yes sir.
Q Have you any children you desire to be included in your application? A Yes, two.
Q What is the name of the oldest one? A M ary Jane; will be 6 years old the 3r d day of this coming April.
Q What is the name and age of the next one? A Henry; he will be 4 years old the 17th day of this coming May.

Q Is that all? A Yes sir.

Henry G. Hains being sworn on his oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported the proceedings had in the above entitled cause on December 18, 1902, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographe notes in sam.

Henry G. Hains

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of December 1902.

Charles H. Sawyer
Notary Public.

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17-D-224.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for enrollment of Charley Clark and his minor children as Choctaw Freedmen.

--: D E C I S I O N :--

It appears from the record herein that on December 18, 1902, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Charley Clark and his minor children, Mary Jane Clark, six years of age, and Henry Clark, four years of age, as Choctaw Freedmen.

It further appears from the record herein that the said Charley Clark was the slave of one Louis Folsom, a recognized Choctaw citizen, during and at the close of the War of the Rebellion; that the said Charley Clark in the year 1885 received from the Choctaw Nation, under the provisions of the Act of the Choctaw National Council approved May 21, 1883, the sum of One hundred dollars in lieu and in full satisfaction of any right he might have to share in the tribal property of said Nation as a Choctaw Freedman.

It further appears from the record herein that Mary Jane Clark, who was born about the year 1896, and Henry Clark, who was born about the year 1898, are the minor children of the said Charley Clark, and claim the right to enrollment through their father.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Charley Clark, Mary Jane Clark and Henry Clark are not entitled to be enrolled as Choctaw Freedmen, and that the application for their enrollment as such should be denied, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1898, (30 Stat., 495), and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Chairman.

Commissioner.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

JUN 22 1905

17-D-224

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 22, 1905.

Charley Clark,

Brasil, Indian Territory,

COPY.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered June 22, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of yourself and two children, Mary Jane Clark and Henry Clark as Choctaw freedmen.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as the Commission is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Registered.

Incl. 17-D-224.

17-D-224

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 22, 1905.

COPY.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory,

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of this Commission, rendered June 22, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of Charley Clark, Mary Jane Clark and Henry Clark as Choctaw freedmen.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as the Commission is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Incl. 17-D-224.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 22, 1905.

COPY.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is herewith transmitted the record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Charley Clark, Mary Jane Clark and Henry Clark, as Choctaw freedmen, including the decision of the Commission, dated June 22, 1905, denying said application.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

2 Insl. 17-D-224.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON.

W.C.F.

O.K.

D.C. 42501-1905.
I.T.D. 9554-1905.

September 5, 1905.

LRS

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

On June 22, 1905, you transmitted the record in the matter of the application of Charley Clark for the enrollment of himself and his minor children, Mary June Clark and Henry Clark, as Choctaw Freedmen, including your decision of June 22, 1905, rejecting applicants.

You state in your decision, that it "appears from the record herein that the said Charley Clark was the slave of one Louie Folsom, a recognized Choctaw citizen, during and at the close of the War of the Rebellion; that the said Charley Clark in the year 1885 received from the Choctaw Nation, under the provisions of the Act of the Choctaw National Council, approved May 21, 1883, the sum of One Hundred Dollars in lieu and in full satisfaction of any right he might have to share in the tribal property of said Nation as a Choctaw Freedman."

Reporting July 28, 1905, the Indian Office recommended that your decision be approved.

The Act of the Choctaw National Council, approved May 21,

1883, relative to Choctaw Freedmen, provides:

"Sec. 5. Be it further enacted that all said persons that shall elect to remove and do actually and permanently remove from the nation are hereby declared to be entitled to one hundred dollars per capita, as provided in said third Article of the Treaty of 1866."

The record shows that the principal applicant was 42 years of age at the date of the application herein; that he has lived in the Indian Territory since he was about one year old. Whether he has lived all this time in the Choctaw Nation is not shown.

It is also shown by the record that in 1885, he was paid by the nation the sum of $100.00. It is not shown for what purpose this sum was paid and there is nothing in the record which shows conclusively that said sum was paid in accordance with the act of the Choctaw Council of May 21, 1883.

Before passing upon the rights of the applicant, the Department desires to be informed whether the records of the Choctaw Nation show that said sum was paid applicant in accordance with the provisions of the act above referred to.

It is desired that you report in the matter as early as practicable.

Respectfully,

THOS. RYAN,
Acting Secretary.

Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON.

W.C.F

O.K.

D.C. 42448-1905.
I.T.D. 9552-1905.

September 5, 1905.

LRS

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

On June 22, 1905, you transmitted the record in the matter of the application of Henry Clark, for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman, including your decision of same date rejecting the applicant.

It appears that the applicant is the brother of Charley Clark (17-D-224).

Your attention is invited to Departmental letter of even date relative to the application of said Charley Clark, and it is desired that you report in this case in accordance with instructions contained in said letter.

Respectfully,

THOS. RYAN,

Acting Secretary.

Through the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs.

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 27, 1905.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Departmental letter of September 5, 1905 (I.T.D. 9854-1905), in reference to the application of Charley Clark for the enrollment of himself and his minor children, Mary Jane Clark and Henry Clark, as Choctaw freedmen.

The Department calls attention to the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of June 22, 1905, in rejecting the applicants, as follows:

> "It further appears from the record herein that the said Charley Clark was the slave of one Louie Folsom, a recognized Choctaw citizen during and at the close of the war of the rebellion; that the said Charley Clark, in the year 1885, received from the Choctaw Nation under the provisions of the act of the Choctaw National Council approved May 21, 1883, the sum of One Hundred Dollars in lieu and in full satisfaction of any right he might have to share in the tribal property of said nation as a Choctaw freedman."

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The Department states that the record shows that the prin-

cipal applicant was forty-two years of age at the date of his application and that he has lived in the Indian Territory since he was about one year of age and in 1885 was paid by the Nation the sum of One Hundred Dollars. Attention is invited to the fact that the record does not show for what purpose this sum was paid nor is there anything conclusively showing that it was paid in accordance with the act of the Choctaw Council of May 21, 1883.

The Department desires to be informed whether the records of the Choctaw Nation show that said sum was paid to said freedman in accordance with the provisions of the act above referred to.

Reporting in this matter I have the honor to advise that I find the name of Charley Clark upon a record furnished the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes by the Choctaw tribal authorities entitled "The Registration of Freedmen who Elect to Retire, First District, Choctaw Nation." This record is in book form and includes the names of eighty-one persons, the name of Charley Clark appearing upon said list opposite Number 34 as the head of a family and as having belonged to the Folsom family of Choctaw Indians before emancipation.

The following certificate is attached to and made a part of the record referred to and follows the list of eighty-one names:

"I, Thos. D. Ainsworth, Chief Commissioner of the Board of Registration for Freedmen for the First District of the Choctaw Nation, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing pages numbered one to three inclusive, containing names numbered from 1 to 81, inclusive, except numbers 52, 53, 54 and 76, erased by order of Commission, contain a complete list of freedmen and descendants who elect to take per capita allowance as registered by the Commission of the First District.

Given under my hand this the thirtieth day of July, A. D. 1885. Thomas D. Ainsworth."

While I am unable to find any act of the Choctaw Council authorizing and empowering a Commission to prepare the said record there is no doubt but that the record referred to is a list of persons who elected to remove and to whom the money was paid as provided by section five of the act of the Choctaw National Council approved May 21, 1883.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby.

Commissioner.

Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

J.W.G.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON.

D. C. 44574
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9554-1905
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October 4, 1906.

J.P.

The Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

Thos. Ryan.

Assistant Secretary.

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Through the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Land
48792-1905.

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON. July 28, 1905.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose a report from the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated June 22, 1905, transmitti ng the record of the application for enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen by Charley Clark for himself and his minor children, Mary Jane, aged six years, and Henry Clark, aged four years.

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It further appears that Mary Jane Clark, who was born about 1896, and Henry Clark, who was born about 1898, are the minor children of Charley Clark and claim right to enrollment through him.

In view of the record the approval of the Commission's decision advirse to all the applicants is recommended.

Very respectfully,

C.F. Larrabee
Acting Commissioner.

M.M.M. (W)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

Land
87242-1905. WASHINGTON .

January 3, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Referring to Department letter of September 5, 1905, I.T.D. 9552, concerning the application of Henry Clark for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman and inviting the attention of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes to Department letter of September 5, 1905, I.T.D. 9554, relative to the application of Charley Clark for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, and requesting that a report in the Henry Clark case be submitted in accordance with the instructions in the Charley Clark case, there is enclosed a report from the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated October 27, 1905, saying that the name of Henry Clark appears opposite No. 56 upon a list of Choctaw freedmen in "The Registration of Freedmen who Elect to Retire, First District, Choctaw Nation."

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> It further appears from the record herein that the said Charley Clark was the slave of one Louie Folsom, a recognized Choctaw citizen during and at the close of the war of the rebellion; that the said Charley Clark, in the year 1885, received from the Choctaw Nation under the provisions of the act of the Choctaw National Council approved May 21, 1883, the sum of One Hundred Dollars in lieu and in full satisfaction of any right he might have to share in the tribal property of said nation as a Choctaw freedmen,

and the act of the Choctaw National Council approved May 21, 1883, relative to Choctaw freedmen, section 5 of which provides:

> Be it further enacted that all said persons that shall elect to remove and do actually and permanently remove from the nation are hereby declared to be entitled to one hundred dollars per capita, as provided in said third Article of the Treaty of 1866.

The Department informed the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes that the record shows that the principal applicant was forty-two years of age at the date of his application; that he had lived in the Indian Territory since he was about one year of age; that in 1885 he was paid by the Nation the sum of $100; and attention was called to the fact that the records does now show for what purpose this dum was paid, nor is there anything which shows conclusively that it was paid in accordance with the act of the Choctaw National Council of May 21, 1883. The Department desired information as to whether the records of the Choctaw Nation show that said sum was paid to Charley Clark in accordance with the provisions of the act mentioned.

Mr. Bixby reports that the name of Charley Clark is upon

a record furnished the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes by the Choctaw tribal authorities, entitled "The Registration of Freedmen who Elect to Retire, First District, Choctaw Nation," and says that the record is in book form and includes the names of eighty-one persons, that of Charley Clark appearing upon the said list opposite No. 34, as the head of a family, and as having belonged to the Folsom family, Choctaw Nation, before the beginning of the war. He says that the following certificate is attached to and made a part of the record referred to and follows the list of eighty-one names:

> I, Thos. D. Ainsworth, Chief Commissioner of the Board of Registration for Freedmen for the First District of the Choctaw Nation, do hereby certify that the above andforegoing pages numbered one to three inclusive, containing names numbered from 1 to 81, inclusive, except numbers 52,53,54 and 76, erased by order of Commission, contained a complete list of freedmen and descendants who elect to take per capita allowance as registered by the Commission of the First District.
>
> Given under my hand this the thirtieth day of July, A. D. 1885. Thomas D. Ainsworth.

He concludes his report with the statement that he is unable to find any act of the Choctaw National Council authorizing and empowering a Commission to prepare the record mentioned, but says there is no doubt that the record is a list of persons who elected to remove and to whom the money was paid as provided by section 5 of the act of the Choctaw National Council approved May 21, 1883.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

GAW-GH. Acting Commissioner.

J.R.W.
W.C.P.
S.V.P.

C O P Y

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Office of the Assistant Attorney-General.

WASHINGTON.

I.T.D.
130-1906.

September 28, 1906.

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I received by reference of June 18, 1906, the records in the cases of Charley Clark and others and of Henry Clark, applicants for enrolment as Choctaw freedmen. In connection therewith my attention is directed to departmental letter of February 26, 1884, accepting the Choctaw act of May 21, 1883, adopting the Choctaw freedmen; the opinion of this office of August 9, 1898; paragraph 6, section 21, act of June 28, 1898 (30 stat., 495,502); to paragraphs 3, 4, and 7 of the Atoka agreement, contained in section 29 of the act of 1898, supra, and to sections 3 and 11 of the act of July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 641). My opinion is requested whether the applicants should be enrolled as Choctaw freedmen.

There is no controversy as to the facts. The principal applicants were slaves of recognized Choctaw citizens, who have always resided in the Choctaw Nation, never having removed therefrom. They were each paid $100, under section 5 of the Choctaw act of May 21, 1883. The case is therefore in all material respects like that on Jane Hall, subject of my opinion

of December 13, 1905, to which reference is here made, and for reasons there stated, I am of opinion the applicants should be denied and the action of the Commission be affirmed.

Very respectfully,

Frank L. Campbell,

Assistant Attorney-General.

Approved: September 28, 1906.

Thos. Ryan.
Acting Secretary.

17-D-224

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 17, 1906.

Charley Clark,

Brazil, Indian Territory,

COPY.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on October 4, 1906, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, of June 22, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of yourself and two children, Mary Jane Clark and Henry Clark as Choctaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

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17-D-224

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 17, 1906.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory,

COPY.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that on October 4, 1906, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of June 2[illegible], 1906, denying the applications for the enrollment of Henry Clark, Charley Clark, Mary Jane Clark and Henry Clark, as Choctaw freedmen.

For your information there is inclosed herewith copy of Departmental letter of October 4, 1906, transmitting an approved op opinion of the Assistant Attorney General of September 28, 1906.

Respectfully,

COPY
Tams Bixby
Commissioner.

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17-D-224.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 20, 1904.

Charley Clark,

Prazil, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission will hold a session at the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka, Indian Territory, September 6-7, 1904 and at the Chickasaw Land Office, Tishomingo, Indian Territory, September 8-9, 1904.

If you so desire, you may appear at one of the above named appointments, together with such witnesses as you may be able to procure, for the purpose of testifying relative to the rights of yourself and children as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation, or you may appear for this purpose at the general office of the Commission, Muskogee, Indian Territory at any time.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON.

W.C.F.
O.K.

D.C. 42501-1905.
I.T.D. 9554-1905.

September 8, 1905.

LRS

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

On June 22, 1905, you transmitted the record in the matter of the application of Charley Clark for the enrollment of himself and his minor children, Mary Jane Clark and Henry Clark, as Choctaw Freedmen, including your decision of June 22, 1905, rejecting applicants.

You state in your decision, that it "appears from the record herein that the said Charley Clark was the slave of one Louie Folsom, a recognized Choctaw citizen, during and at the close of the War of the Rebellion; that the said Charley Clark in the year 1885 received from the Choctaw Nation, under the provisions of the Act of the Choctaw National Council, approved May 21, 1883, the sum of One Hundred Dollars in lieu and in full satisfaction of any right he might have to share in the tribal property of said Nation as a Choctaw Freedman."

Reporting July 28, 1905, the Indian Office recommended that your decision be approved.

The Act of the Choctaw National Council, approved May 21,

1883, relative to Choctaw Freedmen, provides:

"Sec. 5. Be it further enacted that all said persons that shall elect to remove and do actually and permanently remove from the nation are hereby declared to be entitled to one hundred dollars per capita, as provided in said third Article of the Treaty of 1866."

The record shows that the principal applicant was 42 years of age at the date of the application herein; that he has lived in the Indian Territory since he was about one year old. Whether he has lived all this time in the Choctaw Nation is not shown.

It is also shown by the record that in 1885, he was paid by the nation the sum of $100.00. It is not shown for what purpose this sum was paid and there is nothing in the record which shows conclusively that said sum was paid in accordance with the act of the Choctaw Council of May 21, 1883.

Before passing upon the rights of the applicant, the Department desires to be informed whether the records of the Choctaw Nation show that said sum was paid applicant in accordance with the provisions of the act above referred to.

It is desired that you report in the matter as early as practicable.

Respectfully,

THOS. RYAN,
Acting Secretary.

Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON.

W.C.F

O.K.

D.C. 42448-1905.
I.T.D. 9562-1905.

September 5, 1905.

LRS

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

On June 22, 1905, you transmitted the record in the matter of the application of Henry Clark, for enrollment as a Choctaw Freedman, including your decision of same date rejecting the applicant.

It appears that the applicant is the brother of Charley Clark (17-D-224).

Your attention is invited to Departmental letter of even date relative to the application of sai Charley Clark, and it is desired that you report in this case in accordance with instructions contained in said letter.

Respectfully,

THOS. RYAN,
Acting Secretary.

Through the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs.

COMMISSIONERS:
TAMS BIXBY,
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE.

WM. O. BEALL,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:
17-D-224

ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 22, 1905.

Charley Clark,

Brazil, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered June 22, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of yourself and two children, Mary Jane Clark and Henry Clark as Choctaw freedmen.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as the Commission is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Registered.

Incl. 17-D-224.

Department of the Interior.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,
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Charley Clark,

Brazil, Indian Territory.

Charley Clark et al

REFUSED

JUN 22 1905

DECISION RENDERED. JUN 22 1905

COPY OF DECISION FORWARDED ATTORNEYS FOR CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW NATIONS. JUN 26 1905

COPY OF DECISION FORWARDED APPLICANT JUN 22 1905

RECORD FORWARDED DEPARTMENT. JUN 22 1905

ACTION APPROVED BY SECRETARY OF INTERIOR.

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ACTION OF DEPARTMENT RELATIVE TO APPEAL FORWARDED TO ATTORNEYS FOR CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW NATIONS. OCT 17 1906

ACTION OF DEPARTMENT RELATIVE TO APPEAL RECEIVED OCT 1906

Choc FR D-225 Ann May

Refused June 22, 1905

FR D-225

Department of the Interior.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
Wister, Indian Territory, December 19, 1902.

Original
Choctaw
Freedman.

In the matter of the original application of Ann May for the enrollment of herself and her two minor children, Levicey and Owens May, as freedmen of the Choctaw Nation.

Ann May, having been first duly sworn, upon her oath testifies as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Ann May.
Q How old are you? A I couldn't tell you how old I am.
Q About how old---How old were you when the slaves were freed? A I was a small girl; I couldn't tell you how old I was; I was small.
Q You were living during the war? A Yes sir.
Q What is your post office address? A Spiro, Indian Territory.
Q That is in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q How long have you lived in the Choctaw Nation? A Ever since I was small-been raised in here; been nowhere else.
Q You never lived anywhere else except in this nation? A No sir.
Q What was the name of your father? A Richard May.
Q Is he living or dead? A Dead.
Q What was the name of your mother? A Mary.
Q Is she living or dead? A Dead.
Q Were both of your parents slaves? A Yes sir.
Q Were you a slave yourself? A Yes sir.
Q Do you now wish to make application for enrollment as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q What was the name of your owner? A My owner was named Geary.
Q His full name? A I don't know his full name.
Q Was he an Indian or a white man? A He was a white man who married an Indian.
Q Were you owned by this white man or by his wife? A I was owned by him; or at least he said he bought me.
Q He didn't make any claim as an Indian? A No sir.
Q Where did he live? A He lived down near Skullyville.
Q In the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q Were you born on his place and raised there? A No sir, I was not born there.
Q Where were you born? A In the Cherokee Nation.
Q How long were you the slave of this man Geary? A The man who first owned me brought me and sold me to him and I belonged to him until the war ended.
Q How long before you were freed were you his slave? A I don't know how long; but I belonged to him when I was freed right here in the Choctaw Nation.
Q Were you his slave all during the war? A Yes sir.
Q Were you his slave when you were freed? A Yes sir.

Q Where did you go when you were freed? A I was freed down on Red River.
Q In the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q Where did you go after that? A Came back here.
Q Have you lived here ever since? A Yes sir, nowhere else but here.
Q What was the name of the wife of the man who owned you? A She was first Mrs Ring but she had married Geary.
Q She was a Choctaw Indian? A Yes sir.
Q Have you ever been recognized or enrolled as a freedman of the Choctaw Nationnby the tribal authorities? A Yes sir.
Q When was that recognition or enrollment? A Of course I was enrolled at the time I taken the money.
Q What money? A The money they give us.
Q When was that? A I couldn't tell when it was.
Q How long after you were freed? A A long time after I was freed; got it here the first time of the registration.
Q How much money did you get? A One hundred dollars to the head.
Q What was the money given to you for? A That said that was given to us because they owned us; that is what they claimed they did
Q (By S. E. Lewis, Choctaw Commissioner) Didn't they offer you one hundred dollars or forty acres of land? A Yes sir.
Q (By the Commission) You took the one hundred dollars? A Yes sir, I was ignorant when I took it.
Q Have you any children who are under age? A Yes sir, I have two, Owens and Levicey.
Q How old is Owens? A About twelve years old.
Q How oldisLevicey? A Fifteen.
Q You drew one hundred dollars each for all of your children who were living at the time this payment was made? A Yes sir.
Q These children were born since? A They was born since the war.
Q You stated that you have two childrnn who are under age? A Yes sir, I 've got two childr en.
Q What was the name of the father of these childr en? A Aleck Duncan was one, and Owens Hutchins.
Q Who was the father of Owens May? A Hutchins.
Q Who was the father of Levicey? A Duncan.
Q Were you ever married to these men? A No sir.
Q Were they freedmen? A Yes sir.
Q Of what nation? A Right here.
Q Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir, Owens' father belonged to the states, but the girl's father belonged to the Indians.

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Harry C Risteen being first duly sworn upon his oath states: That as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all proceedings had in the above entitled cause on the 19th day of December, 1902, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes of said proceedings on said date. Harry C Risteen

Max

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of December, 1902.

Charles N Sampson

Notary Public.

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17-D-225.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Ann May and her minor children as Choctaw Freedmen.

--: D E C I S I O N :--

It appears from the record herein that on December 19, 1902, application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Ann May and her minor children, Owens May, twelve years of age, and Levicey May, fifteen years of age, as Choctaw Freedmen.

It further appears from the record herein that the said Ann May was the slave of one Geary, a recognized Choctaw citizen, during and at the close of the War of the Rebellion; that the said Ann May in the year 1885 received from the Choctaw Nation, under the provisions of the Act of the Choctaw National Council approved May 21, 1883, the sum of One hundred dollars in lieu and in full satisfation of any right she might have to share in the tribal property of said Nation as a Choctaw Freedman.

It further appears from the record herein that Owens May, who was born about the year 1890, and Levicey May, who was born about the year 1887, are the minor children of the said Ann May, and claim the right to enrollment through their mother.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Ann May, Owens May and Levicey May are not entitled to be enrolled as Choctaw Freedmen, and that the application for their enrollment as such should be denied, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1898, (30 Stat., 495), and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Chairman.

Commissioner.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

JUN 22 1905

17-D-225

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 22, 1905.

COPY.

Ann May,

Oaklodge, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered June 22, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of yourself and two children, Owens May and Levicey May, as Choctaw freedmen.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as the Commission is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Tams Bixby
Chairman.

Registered.

Incl. 17-D-225.

17-D-225

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 22, 1905.

COPY.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory,

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of this Commission, rendered June 22, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of Ann May, Owens May and Levicey May as Choctaw freedmen.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as the Commission is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Incl. 17-D-225.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 22, 1905.

COPY.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is herewith transmitted the record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Ann May, Owens May and Levisey May, as Choctaw freedmen, including the decision of the Commission, dated June 22, 1905, denying said application.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Tams Bixby

Chairman.

Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON, June 29, 1905.

D.C. 32473-1905.

The Commission to the

Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Under date of June 22, 1905, you forwarded the record of the application for enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen of Ann May et al., together with your decision denying the applicants and basing such decision on the act of the Choctaw National Council approved May 21, 1883.

At your earliest convenience please furnish this office with a certified copy of the act mentioned.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

M.M.M.
W.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 21, 1905.

The Commissioner
of Indian Affairs.

Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of Indian office letter of June 29, 1905, requesting a copy of the act of the Choctaw National Council of May 21, 1883, for use in connection with the application of Ann May et al., for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen.

In compliance with the request I have the honor to inclose herewith a copy of the act of the Choctaw National Council of May 21, 1883, conferring certain rights upon persons of African descent who were residents of the Choctaw Nation at the date of the treaty of Fort Smith, September 13, 1865.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choctaw Freedman D 225.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
WASHINGTON. G.R.
LLB

D.C. 47364-1905. October 9, 1905.

I.T.D. 9614-1905.

LRS

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

June 22, 1905, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes transmitted the record of the application of Ann May for the enrollment of herself and her two minor children, Levicey and Owens May, as Choctaw freedmen, including the decision of the Commission of same date denying said application.

July 21, 1905, upon request of the Department, you furnished a supplemental report therein.

July 29, 1905, the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs reporting thereon, recommended that the decision of the Commission dated June 22, 1905, denying said application be affirmed.

The Department concurs in the recommendation made and the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes dated June 22, 1905, denying the application of Ann May for the enrollment of herself and her two minor children, Levicey and Owens May as Choctaw freedmen is hereby affirmed.

A copy of the Indian Office letter is inclosed.

Respectfully,

E. A. Hitchcock,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON. July 29, 1905.

Land.
48791-1905.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose a report from the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated June 22, 1905, transmitting the record of the application for enrollment as Choctaw Freedmen by Ann May for herself and her minor children, Owens and Levicey May.

June 22, 1905, the Commission decided adversely to the applicant.

The record shows that Ann May was the slave of a recognized Choctaw citizen during and at the close of the war of the rebellion; that in the year 1885 she received from the Choctaw Nation the sum of $100. in lieu and in full satisdation of any right she might have to share in the tribal property of that Nation as a Choctaw Freedman.

It further appears that Owens May was born about 1890 and Levicey May about 1887 and that they are the minor children of Ann May and claim right to enrollment through her.

In view of the record the approval of the Commission's decision adverse to the applicants is recommended.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,
Acting Commissioner.

M.M.M.(W)

17-D-220

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 17, 1905.

Ann May,

Oakledge, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

You are hereby notified that the Secretary of the Interior under date of October 9, 1905, affirmed the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes dated June 22, 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of yourself and two children, Owens May and Leviosy May, as Choctaw freedmen

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-D-225

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 17, 1905.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory,

Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that the Secretary of the Interior under date of October 9, 1905, affirmed the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes dated June 22 1905, denying the application for the enrollment of Ann May, Owens May and Levicey May as Choctaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choctaw Freedman
D 225

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 19, 1904.

Ann May,

Oak Lodge, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of February 10, asking if the enrollment of yourself and your two minor children has been approved.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the Commission has not yet passed upon your application for the enrollment of yourself and your two minor children, Owens and Levicey May. As soon as a decision is reached in this case you will be notified of the action of the Commission.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

17-D-225

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 30, 1906.

Ann May,

Oaklodge, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 30, 1906, in which you ask if you and your children are entitled to allotments.

In reply to your letter, you are advised that on June 22, 1905, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered its decision refusing the applications for enrollment of Ann May and her children, Owens and Levicey May as Choctaw freedmen, and on October 9, 1905, this action was approved by the Secretary of the Interior. This case is therefore considered closed.

Respectfully,

Wm. O. Beall

Acting Commissioner.

17-D-225

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 21, 1906.

Ann May,

Walls, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 19, 1906, in which you ask if you have been approved.

In reply to your letter you are advised that on June 22, 1905, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered its decision refusing the application for the enrollment of yourself and your children Owens and Levicey May as Choctaw freedmen and on October 9, 1905, this action was approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

This case is therefore considered closed.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

17-D-225

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 9, 1906.

Ann May,

Walls, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of May 2, 1906, in which you say that you have received letters from this office and if you understand rightly you have been approved and you ask if this is correct.

In reply to your letter you are advised that on June 22, 1905, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered its decision refusing the application for the enrollment of yourself and your two children as Choctaw freedmen and this action was approved by the Secretary of the Interior, October 9, 1905.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

17-D-225

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 30, 1906.

Ann May,

Oak Lodge, Indian Territory.

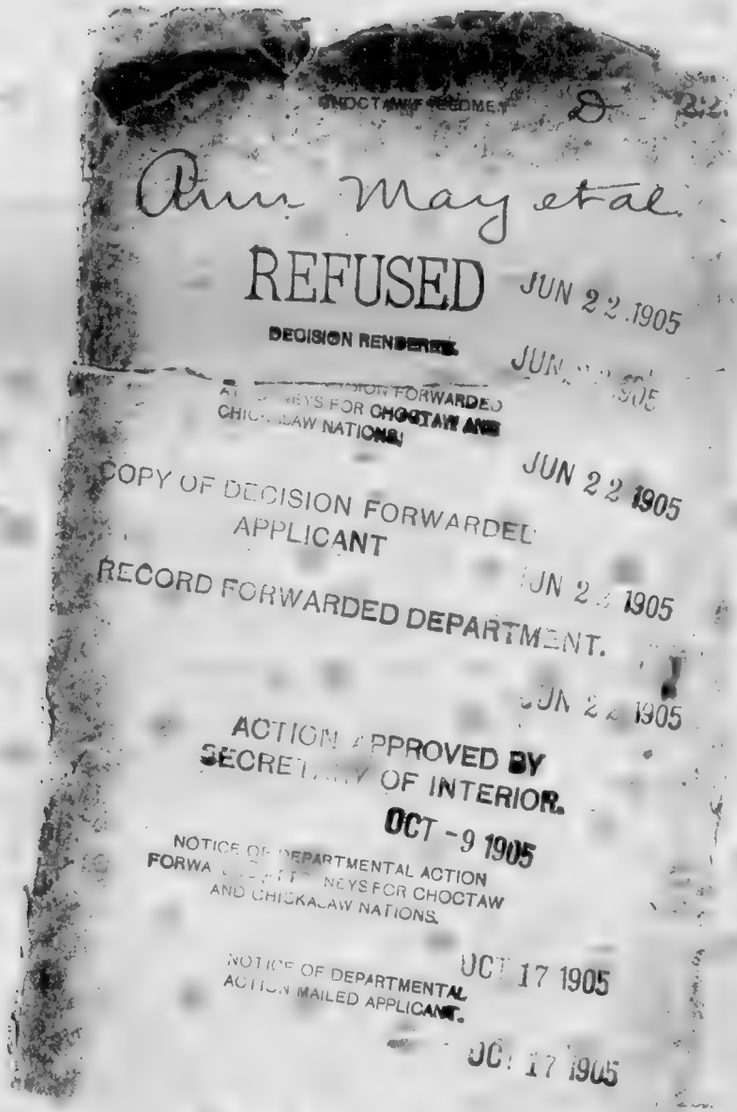
Dear Madam:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of June 24, 1906, in which you ask if you have been approved.

In reply you are advised that on June 22, 1905, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered its decision refusing the application for the enrollment of yourself and your children, Owens and Lewicey May, as Choctaw freedmen; and, on October 9, 1905, this action was approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.


CHOCTAW FREEDMEN
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Ann May et al.
REFUSED JUN 22 1905
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ATTORNEYS FOR CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW NATIONS.
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RECORD FORWARDED DEPARTMENT.
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NOTICE OF DEPARTMENTAL ACTION FORWARDED ATTORNEYS FOR CHOCTAW AND CHICKASAW NATIONS.
OCT 17 1905
NOTICE OF DEPARTMENTAL ACTION MAILED APPLICANT.
OCT 17 1905

Choc FR D-226 Lem Folsom

Refused Feb 12, 1907

FR D-226

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

South McAlester, I.T., Sept. 11, 1899.

In the matter of the enrollment of Lem Folsom, said Folsom being sworn by Commissioner Needles and examined by him et als., testified:

I could not tell how old I am. I first belonged to old man Folsom and after his death his property was divided and I fell to Willis Parkins. I was in the Territory when I was turned free and have been rambling around in the Nation until three years ago when I went to the Creek Nation and worked with cattle. I did not belong to a citizen of Texas when I was freed. I have been before the Council two or three times to get on the roll, but they claimed I was too late and would have to put it off until the next time.

Q Did you ever live in Texas? A Yes on the line.

Q[X] How long did you stay in Texas? A My uncle what was sold over there, I was right around him, but I do not know exactly how long. I was hunting for my father and mother who were sold from me when I was small.

(Excused to find witnesses to show that he was actually the slave of Harkins when he was turned free.)

Department of the Interior,
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

D. McDonald

Department of the Interior.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
South McAlester, I. T., December 23rd, 1902.

Choctaw Freedman ----------oOo----------
O R I G I N A L

In the matter of the application of Lem Folsom for enrollment as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Lem Folsom being first duly sworn testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Lem Folsom.
Q How old are you? A Boss, I couldn't tell you; I don't know nothing about my age; I was raised in slave time; I don't know nothing about my age.
Q About how old are you? A Well, I couldn't say.
Q How big a boy was you when the war was going on? A Big boy, big enough to plow and hoe cotton.
Q About twenty years old then? A I don't know sir.
Q You must be about sixty-five now? A I don't know; might be up along there.
Q Where do you live? A I am living right now in the Creek Nation.
Q What is your post office address? A Checotah.
Q What are you doing up there in the Creek Nation? A I went off working with a com man.
Q How long ago? A Eleven years ago.
Q Been living in the Creek Nation for the past eleven years?
A Yes sir.
Q Where were you living before that? A Brazil and Sans Bois.
Q How long did you live there? A I couldn't tell you that, for when I came from Red river I came here to my father.
Q Where was you born? A Old Doaksville.
Q In the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir. Lived here all my life only when I went out myself.
Q Was you ever the slave of a Choctaw Indian? A Yes sir.
Q Who did you belong to? A First belonged to Folsom, and after old man Folsom and his wife died the property was divided and I fell to his son-in-law Willis Harkins.
Q Where was you when the war began? A At home.
Q Who did you belong to then? A Willis Harkins.
Q Where were you living and who did you belong to when the slaves were freed? A I was belonging to Willis Harkins.
Q Where was you? A At home until I heard the slaves all freed and I run off.
Q Where did you go? A To Texas.
Q Right after the slaves were freed? A Yes sir.
Q How long did you stay in Texas? A I don't think I stayed very long.

Q How long? A About a month or two months, but my old boss had done said we was freedmans before. He said before he'd let them go off he was going to kill them and I had to do something, I didn't want to be killed and I went to the woods.

By Simon E. Lewis:

Q Didn't you run off--he hadn't turned loose any slaves when you run off had he? A No sir, he done turned his slaves loose but we was there working and he said he'd kill us before he'd let one get away.
Q Hadn't he sold you in Texas before that? A No sir, no sir.
Q How long did you stay away when you run off before you came back?
A Oh, I stayed out - -well, I didn't come back; I stayed out until I found my uncle.
Q A year or two? A No sir, I don't think it was a year.

By the Commission:

Q Where did you find your uncle? A Up on Red river.
Q In Texas? A No sir.

By Simon E. Lewis:

Q What time of the year did you run off? A I run off in the fall.
Q In what month? A Well, boss, I cant talk about the months.

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Albert G. McMillan being first duly sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported the proceedings had in the above entitled cause on the 23rd day of December, 1902, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes taken in said cause on said date.

Albert G. McMillan

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2" day of January, 1903.

Charles H. Lawyer

Notary Public.

17-D-226.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Lem Folsom as a Choctaw freedman.

D E C I S I O N.

It appears from the record herein that on September 11, 1899, Lem Folsom appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at South McAlester, Indian Territory, and made application for the enrollment of himself as a Choctaw freedman. Further proceedings were had in the matter of this application at South McAlester, Indian Territory on December 23, 1902.

The applicant, Lem Folsom testifies that during the war he was a slave of Willis Harkins, a Choctaw Indian and remained as such slave until he heard that the slaves were all freed, when he ran off to Texas for the purpose of "hunting for my father and mother, who were sold from me when I was small;" and that he appeared before the council of the Choctaw Nation two or three times to get on the roll but had not succeeded in having his name placed thereon.

An examination of what is known as the Freedmen Register of the Choctaw Nation for the First District, made in 1885, shows the name of the applicant opposite No. 644, and the following notation appears after his name: "Former owner Willis Harkins- Sold to citizen of Texas- Rejected by Revisory Board."

I am of the opinion that Lem Folsom is not entitled to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman and that the application made for his enrollment as such should be denied under the provisions of the Acts of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stats., 495), and July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641), and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

FEB 12 1907

17-D-226

Muskogee, IndianTerritory , February 12, 1907.

Lem Folsom,

Checotah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 12, 1907, denying the application for your enrollment as a Choctaw freedmen.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to theSecretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.

Incl. 17-D-226

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 12, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

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The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Incl. 17-D-226

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 12, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior:

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Lem Folsom as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes dated February 12, 1907, denying said application.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON. March 4, 1907.

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DIRECT.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Your decisions in the following Choctaw enrolment cases adverse to the applicants are hereby affirmed, viz:

Title of Case.	Date of your letter of transmittal.
William Green (Freedman),	February 21, 1907.
Martha Thompson (Intermarried),	February 18, 1907.
Mary Wright (Freedman),	February 14, 1907.
Zena Stanhope	February 18, 1907.
Ann Thompson, et al.	February 16, 1907.
William P. Robinson, et al.,	February 21, 1907.
George Cecil Parker,	February 21, 1907.
Lem Folsom (Freedman),	February 12, 1907.

Copies of Indian Office letters submitting your reports and recommending that the decisions be approved, are inclosed.

A copy hereof and the papers in the above-mentioned cases have been sent to the Indian Office.

Respectfully,

E. A. Hitchcock,

Secretary.

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Refer in reply to the following. (C O P Y)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

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16006-1907. OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON. March 1, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to invite your attention to the enclosed record of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Lem Folsom as a Choctaw freedman.

Commissioner Bixby reports that an examination of what is known as the Freedman Register of the Choctaw Nation for the First District, made in 1885, shows the name of the applicant opposite No. 644, and the following notation appears under his name: "Former owner Willis Harkins- sold to citizen of Texas - rejected by advisory board."

Based on this record the Commissioner rejected the applicant. It is recommended that his decision be approved.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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17-D-226

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 10, 1907.

Lem Folsom,

Checotah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on March 4, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of February 12, 1907, denying the application for your enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Tno. D. Rodgers.

Acting Commissioner.

17-D-226

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 10, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that on March 4, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of February 12, 1907, denying the application for the enrollment of Lem Folsom as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rodgers.

Acting Commissioner.

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Dept. of the Interior
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No. 7232

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

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16006-1907.

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON. March 1, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

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Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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REFUSED, FEB 12 1907

ACTION APPROVED BY
SECRETARY OF INTERIOR. MAR - 4 1907

NOTICE OF DEPARTMENTAL ACTION
FORWARDED ATTORNEYS FOR CHOCTAW
AND CHICKASAW NATIONS.

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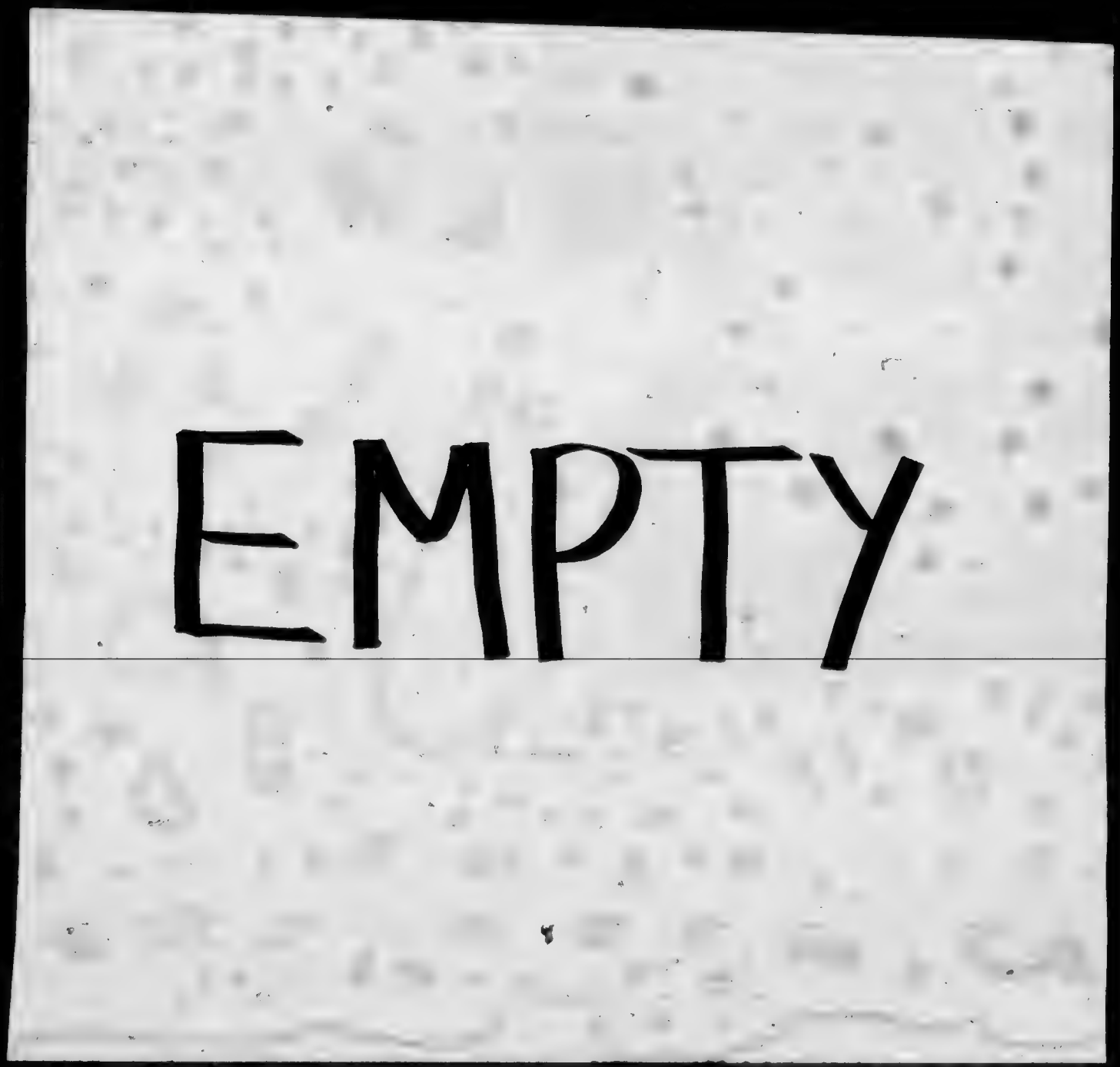
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Choc FR D-234 Booker T. Shoals

Refused

FR D-234

17-D-234.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 14, 1905.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Creek Enrollment Division.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby requested to advise the Choctaw-Chickasaw Enrollment Division whether or not any application has been made for the enrollment of Booker T. Shoals as a Creek Freedman, and if so, please give the status of such application.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-D-234

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 16, 1905.

Chief Clerk,

Chickasaw Land Office,

Ardmore, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that Booker T. Shoals, who appears upon the records in the possession of your office as an undetermined applicant for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, Choctaw Freedmen roll card No. D-234, has been enrolled as a New Born citizen of the Creek Nation, in conformity with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 3, 1905, and the name of Booker T. Shoals should therefore be eliminated from the list of undetermined applications for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, in the possession of your office.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

17-D-234

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 16, 1905.

Chief Clerk,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that Booker T. Shoals, who appears upon the records in the possession of your office as an undetermined applicant for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, Choctaw Freedmen roll card No. D-234, has been enrolled as a New Born citizen of the Creek Nation, in conformity with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 3, 1905, and the name of Booker T. Shoals should therefore be eliminated from the list of undetermined applications for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, in the possession of your office.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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DEC 23 1902

CHAIRMAN.

Marriage certificate

I J. G. McCullough do hereby certify that I have united in Holy wedlock Mr. Pleasant Shoals and Mrs Georgia Shoals witness my hand this the 17th day of Aug. A. D. 1911

J. G. McCullough
Minister of the Gospel

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Booker T. Rhodes

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved, DEC 23 1902 190

Commissioner.

Application received Dec. 13, 1902

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES
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CHAIRMAN.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Booker T. Shoals (Here insert name of child.), born on the 29th day of December, 1901
Name of Father: P. L. Shoals, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Name of Mother: Georgia A. Shoals, a citizen of the Creek Nation.
Post-office, Oberlin I T

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } (INDIAN TERRITORY.)
Central District. }

I, Georgia A. Shoals, on oath state that I am 31 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Creek Nation; that I am the lawful wife of P. L. Shoals, who is a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, that a male (male or female) child was born to me on the 29th day of December 1901; that said child has been named Booker T. Shoals, and is now living.

Georgia A Shoals

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th *day of* June 1902.

H W Allaway
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } (INDIAN TERRITORY.)
Central District. }

I, Dilly Harris, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Georgia A. Shoals, wife of P. L. Shoals, on the 29th day of December, 1901 that there was born to her on said date a Male (male or female) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Booker T. Shoals.

Dilly Harris

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th *day of* June 1902.

H W Allaway
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
MUSKOGEE, INDIAN TERRITORY, MARCH 25, 1905.

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In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Melinda Shoals and Booker T. Shoals as Creek Freedmen.

GEORGIA A. SHOALS, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY COMMISSION:

Q What is your name? A Georgia A. Shoals.
Q How old are you? A 34.
Q What is your postoffice address? A Cathay.
Q You are making application for the enrollment of Melinda and Booker T. Shoals, are you not? A Yes.
Q Both have been born since May 25, 1901? A Yes.
Q Both are living are they? A Yes, they are over there.
Q Who is the father of these children? A P. L. Shoals.
Q Is he a citizen of the Creek Nation? A He is a Choctaw.
Q Are you a citizen of the Creek Nation? A Yes.

Records of the Commission examined and the name of Georgia A. Shoals is identified on Creek Freedman Card, Field Number 761, and her name is contained in the partial list of Creek Freedmen, approved by the Secretary of the Interior March 28, 1902, Roll Number 2939.

Q When was Melinda Shoals born? A The 27th of June, 1904.
Q When was Booker T. Shoals born? A The 29th of December, 1901.
Q Who was present at the birth of these children? A At Booker's birth Mrs. Bonds and Edda Bradford.
Q Who was present when Melinda was born? A Mrs. Reed and Lucy Snowden, I believe that is their names.
Q Are they living? A I suppose so; the last I heard they were.
Q In the event that it should be found that your children have rights in both the Creek and Choctaw Nation, in which Nation do you elect to have them enrolled and receive their allotment of land? A In the Creek Nation.
Q In wh ich Nation would your husband prefer to have them enrolled? A The Creek.

Zera Ellen Parrish, being sworn on her oath states that the above and foregoing is a correct transcript of her stenographic notes as taken in said cause.

Zera Ellen Parrish

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 28th day of March, 1905.

Edward Friend
Notary Public.

COMMISSIONERS:
TAMS BIXBY,
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE.

WM. O. BEALL,
Secretary.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:
IA 1156-57 B.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 17, 1905.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Choctaw, Chickasaw Enrollment Division.

Gentlemen:

The Commission acknowledges receipt of your letter of April 14, 1905, in which you request to be advised whether or not application has been made for the enrollment of Booker T. Shoals, as a Creek Freedman, and if so what is the status of such application.

In reply you are advised that on March 25, 1905, application was made by Georgia A. Shoals for the enrollment of her two minor children, Booker T. and Melinda Shoals, as Creek Freedmen, and it was stated in said application that the father of said children was either a Choctaw or Cherokee Freedman.

You are further advised that the mother of said children has this day been notified to appear before the Commission at its office in Muskogee, Indian Territory, for the purpose of electing in which Nation she desires said children to be enrolled.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

B A 1156-57 B.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
Muskogee, Indian Territory.
April 26, 1905.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Booker T. and Melinda Shoals, as Creek Freedmen.

P.L.Shoals, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A P. L. Shoals,
Q What is your age? A About 44.
Q What is your post office address? A Cathey , I. T.
Q Do you make application for the enrollment of Booker T.Shoals and Melinda Shoals as Creek Freedmen? A Yes sir.
Q Are you the father of these children? A Yes sir.
Q Who is the mother ? A Georgia A. Shoals.
Q Is she a citizen of the Creek Nation? A Yes sir.

The records of the Commission examined and the name Georgia Shoals is found on Creek Freedman card, Filed No. 761, Approved Roll No. 2939.

Q Of what Nation are you a citizen? A Choctaw Nation.
Q Is Georgia Shoals your wife? A Yes sir.
Q You have lawfully been married to her have you? A Yes sir.
Q Who is Cyrus Shoals? A He is a Choctaw citizen, a half brother of mine.
Q Is he living? A No sir, he's dead.
Q Was he married to Georgia Shoals? A Yes sir, when he died .
Q You married then Georgia Shoals after the death of your brother? A Yes sir.
Q Do you understand that in view of the fact that you are a Choctaw citizen ~~yax wife is~~ and your wife a Creek citizen that these children may be enrolled in either the Choctaw or Creek Nation? A No sir, I don't understand that.
Q In which Nation, the Choctaw or Creek Nation, do you desire to have these children enrolled? A Creek Nation.
Q Do you desire at this time to relinquish all the rights that these children may have in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q Is it the desire of your wife Georgia Shoals that these children be enrolled in the Creek Nation? A Yes sir.
Q When was Booker T. Shoals born? A As well as I can remember, 1901, December 29, I think.
Q Is he living now? A Yes sir' he was this monning.
Q When was Melinda Shoals born? A Last year 27th of June.
Q Is she living now? A Yes sir.
Q Who attended on your wife at the time of the birth of these children? A We wasin the Choctaw Nation.
Q Who attended on your wife at the time of the birth of Booker T. Shoals? A Lila Bonds.
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir, I reckon so.
Q What is her post office address? A Oberlin? I.T.
Q Who attended on your wife at the time of the birth of Melinda Shoals? A Mrs. Reed.
Q Is she living? A Yes sir, I reckon so.
Q What is the post office address of Mrs. Reed? A I think Muskogee.

Lena Merrick, being duly sworn, states that the above and foregoing is a true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes of said proceedings of said case on said date.

Lena Merrick

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of April, 1905.

Ira E. Parrish
Notary Public.

Endorsed
My Commission expires April 11, 1909.

Booker T. Shoals.

Booker T. [illegible] enrolled as a
Creek freedman under the act
of [illegible] March
3, 1905
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Ethel Pierson
Willie May Pierson

M. Fr. 1

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ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Ethel Pierson

Willie May Pierson

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

July 11, 1906, Decline to receive, and record forwarded Dept.

Nov. 6, 1906, action Reversed by Dept. and here enrollment directed.

Nov. 30, 1906 Parties herein notified.

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Brogiel I.T. May 27. 1887
Sequoyah Co.
Cherokee Nation

This is to Certify that
David Pierson
is Married to Lizzie Foster
the 27 of May 1887
Witness my hand
this 27 day of May
A.D. 1887
In the Presence of Witness
Henry Shoats
~~Addie~~ Abbie Shoat
I Rev C. Churchill Regler
Ordain Minister of the
A.M.E. Church
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Willie May Pierson

as a citizen of

Choctaw Freedman Nation.

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Commissioner.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Willie May Pierson, Freedman, born on the 8 day of January 1904

[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: David Pierson a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Lizzie Pierson a ~~citizen of the~~ non-citizen ~~Nation.~~

Tribal enrollment of father. Choctaw Tribal enrollment of mother. N.S.

Postoffice. Lucien McAlester,

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Lizzie Pierson, on oath state that I am 34 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ non-citizen ~~of the~~ ~~Nation~~; that I am the lawful wife of David Pierson who is a citizen, by adoption (Freedman) of the Choctaw Nation; that a male [Male or Female] child was born to me on the 8th day of January 1904; that said child has been named Willie May Pierson and was living March 4, 1906

her
Lizzie + Pierson
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WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of July 1906.

Augustus Guess,
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Lucien Jones, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Lizzie Pierson, wife of David Pierson on the 8th day of January 1904; that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Willie May Pierson

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Lucien + Jones
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WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of July 1906.

Augustus Guess,
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

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as a citizen of

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Commissioner.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Ethel Pierson, born on the 27 day of December 1905
(Here insert name of child)

Name of Father: Dave Pierson Freedman Kemp a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother Lizzie Pierson a ~~citizen of the~~ Non citizen Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Choctaw Tribal enrollment of mother

Postoffice South McAlester I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Lizzie Pierson, on oath state that I am 34 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ non-citizen of the _____ Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Dave Pierson, who is a citizen, by adoption (Freedman), of the Choctaw Nation; that a female child was born to me on 27 day of December, 1905; that said child has been named Ethel Pierson and was living March 4, 1906.

Lizzie Pierson

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { _____
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of July 1906. (Seal)

H. Augustus Jones
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, E. D. South M.D. a ~~regular~~ Physician on oath state that I attended on Mrs Lizzie Pierson, wife of Dave Pierson on the 27th day of Dec 1905, that there was born to her on said date a ~~M. or F.~~ G. (Male or Female) child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Ethel Pierson

E. D. South M.D.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { _____
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of July 1906. (Seal)

H. Augustus Jones
Notary Public.

O.L.J.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Ethel Pierson as a Choctaw freedman.

D E C I S I O N.

It appears from the record herein that on July 6, 1906, written application was made to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of Ethel Pierson as a Choctaw freedman.

The Department on July 7, 1906, by telegram directed me to make special my action upon said application, and transmit the record, with my decision, to the Department.

It appears from the record herein and from the records in the possession of this office that the applicant, Ethel Pierson was born on December 27, 1905; that she is the daughter of Dave Pierson, a recongized and enrolled Choctaw freedman, whose name (as Dave Pearson) appears as number 2318 upon a list prepared by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641), of persons entitled to enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 8, 1903, and Lizzie Pierson (or Pearson), a non-citizen; and that said applicant was living on March 4, 1906.

It is contended on behalf of the applicant that she is entitled to enrollment as a Choctaw freedmen by virtue of the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (Public No. 129), as amended by the Act of Congress approved June 21, 1906 (Public No. 258).

Section Two of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Indian Appropriation Act approved June 21, 1906, in so far as it relates to the reception of applications for minor children in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, and the allotment of land to them, is as follows:

> "That for ninety days after approval hereof applications shall be received for enrollment of children who were minors living March 4, 1906, whose parents have been enrolled as members of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, or Creek Tribes, or have applications for enrollment pending at the approval hereof, and for the purpose of enrollment under this section illegitimate children shall take the status of the mother, and allotments shall be made to children so enrolled....."

Provided, that the rolls of the tribes affected by this act shall be fully completed on or before the 4th day of March 1907, and the Secretary of the Interior shall have no jurisdiction to approve the enrollment of any person after said date: Provided further, that nothing herein shall be construed so as hereafter to permit any person to file an application for enrollment or to be entitled to enrollment in any of said tribes, except for minors the children of Indians by blood, or of freedmen members of said tribes, or of Mississippi Choctaws identified under the 14th article of the treaty of 1830, as herein otherwise provided, and the fact that the name of a person appears on the tribal roll of any of said tribes shall not be construed to be an application for enrollment."

The last proviso quoted above was added by the amendment contained in the act of June 21, 1906.

The Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641), and ratified by the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations on September 25, 1902, in Section 3, provides as follows:

> "The words 'member' or 'members' and 'citizen' or Citizens' shall be held to mean members or citizens of the Choctaw or Chickasaw tribes of Indians, in Indian Territory, not including freedmen."

In all legislation passed subsequent to July 1, 1902, affecting the right of persons in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations to enrollment and allotment of lands where the word "member" or "citizen" is used, the above quoted legislative definition of said terms is applicable. Under the first clause therefore of Section 2 of the act of April 26, 1906, it is clear that by using the word "members of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee or Creek tribes", it was intended by Congress that the children of freedmen in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations should not be entitled to benefits under said law. If the claim therefore is made that minor children of Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen are entitled to enrollment and allotment of lands under this legislation, it must be based upon the amendment contained in the act of June 21, 1906. This amendment is by its clear wording a limitation and restrictive in its terms, and I cannot believe that Congress intended that is should entitle any persons to enrollment or allotment of lands who were not entitled under Section 2 of the Act of April 26, 1906. It is in the nature of a construction by Congress of the meaning intended to be conveyed by the section as originally enacted. The amendment states

> "That nothing herein (Section 2 of Act of April 26, 1906) shall be construed so as hereafter to permit any person to file an application for enrollment or to be entitled to enrollment in any of said tribes, except for minors the children of Indians by blood, or of freedmen members of said tribes, or of Mississippi Choctaws identified under the 14th article of the treaty of 1830, as herein otherwise provided."

By the act of July 1, 1902, above referred to, freedmen in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations are not members of said tribes. In the Cherokee and Creek Nations, however, freedmen are members of said tribes and are entitled to equal rights with citizens by blood. By using the term therefore "freedmen members" it is evident that Congress intended to bring within the provisions of Section 2, the children of freedmen of the Cherokee and Creek Nations, but that it was clearly intended to exclude the children of freedmen of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations from the benefits thereof.

I am, therefore, of the opinion that under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (Public No. 129), as amended by the Act of Congress approved June 21, 1906 (Public No. 258), I am without authority to receive or consider any application for the enrollment of Ethel Pierson as a Choctaw freedman, and I, therefore, decline to receive the same, and it is so ordered.

Tams Bixby,

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,
JUL 11 1906

M. M. LINDLY
Attorney-at-law
South McAlester, I.T.

COPY.

July 5th 1906.

The Dawes Commissioner,

Muscogee, I. T.

Honorable Sir:-

Enclosed I hand you a petition for the enrollment of one Ethel Pierson. This is a Freedman application and nothing more and is sent to you for the purpose of having you pass on the same.

It is my information that you will receive instructions from the Secretary with reference hereto.

Respectfully,

(Signed) M. M. Lindly.

(Copy)

Washington D. C. July 7th

Bixby, Comm'r,
Muskogee, I.T.

You are directed to make special your action upon application of Ethel Pierson for enrollment as Choctaw infant freedman transmit t[illegible] record with your decision to department in usual manner letter follows.

Thos Ryan, Acting Sec'y. 1:15 Pm

618 Loan & Trust Bldg., Washington, D. C., July 7, 1906

Honorable, Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of June 26th (copy attached) also of June 27, 1906 (copy attached) and your reply of June 30th (I.T.D. 7861-1906) the original of which is attached, I have the honor to state that I immediately wired to the parties interested, asking that an application for enrollment be made by a Choctaw freedman infant, in order that there might be a specific case before your office, and am in receipt of message by wire stating that the application for enrollment of Ethel Pierson, Choctaw freedman infant, had been filed July 5th. In view of the fact that these people are poor; that there is a large number of them; and that the period of ninety days from April 26th will expire within about fifteen days from Monday next, I respectfully ask that instructions be given to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes by wire to expedite this case, in order that, if it is your judgment that these people are included and have rights under said act, that at least ten days be allowed them to make applications.

I have the honor to be,

Respectfully,

Chester Howe,

Atty for Certain Choctaw Freedmen.

(Copy)

WASHINGTON D.C. July 9th 1906

Bixby, Commissioner,

Muskogee, I. T.

Answering telegram seventh inst application of Ethel Pierson freedman [illegible] Father Dave Pierson Freedman Citizen Choctaw nation [illegible] Pierson non citizen application sent by registered letter fifth inst. from South McAlester.

THOS RYAN, Act Secy

J.W.C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
WASHINGTON.

I.T.D.
8247-12002-1906
D. C. 29348

July 9, 1906.

LRS.

The Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

There is inclosed a communication from Chester Howe, Attorney for certain Choctaw freedmen, dated July 7, 1906, filed on the same day, upon consideration of which the Department sent you a telegram as follows:

You are directed to make Special your action upon application of Ethel Pierson for enrollment as Choctaw infant freedman. Transmit the record with your decision to Department in usual manner. Letter follows.

In response to said telegram, you wired the Department on the same day, as follows:

Replying to departmental telegram, seventh instant, impossible to identify Ethel Pierson as applicant for enrolment as Choctaw freedman under this name. Please send name of parents and other information which might aid in identifying this child.

Mr. Howe was advised of the contents of your telegram and forwarded to the Department copy of the birth affidavit, which shows that Ethel Pierson, freedman, was born on the 27th day of December, 1905, name of father, Dave Pierson, freedman, citizen of the Choctaw Nation; name of mother Lizzie Pierson, non-citizen; tribal enrolment of father Choctaw; Postoffice, South McAlester, Indian Territory.

The mother swears that she is the lawful wife of Dave Pierson, adopted freedman of the Choctaw Nation, and that a female child was born to her on December 27, 1905, which has been named Ethel Pierson, and who was living March 4, 1906.

Dr. D. W. South makes affidavit that he attended Mrs. Lizzie Pierson, wife of Dave Pierson, on the 27th day of December, 1905, and that there was born to her on said date a girl child, who was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Ethel Pierson.

Replying to your said telegram of the 7th inst., the Department wired you as follows:

Answering telegram, seventh instant, application of Ethel Pierson, freedman, name of father, Dave Pierson, freedman, citizen Choctaw Nation, mother Lizzie Pierson, non-citizen. Application sent by registered letter, fifth instant, from South McAlester.

Respectfully,

Thos. Ryan,

Acting Secretary.

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Through the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 11, 1906.

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Dave Pierson,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered July 11, 1906, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of your child, Ethel Pierson as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 11, 1906.

COPY.

M. M. Lindly,

Attorney at Law,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered July 11, 1906, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Ethel Pierson as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 11, 1906.

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Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered July 11, 1906, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Ethel Pierson as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 11, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Departmental telegram of July 7, 1906, as follows:

"47 KS UF DA 41 Collect Govet

Dw Washington D. C. July 7th

Bixby, Comm'r,
Muskogee, I. T.
You are directed to make special your action upon application of Ethel Pierson for enrollment as Choctaw infant freedman transmit the record with your decision to department in Usual manner letter follows.

Thos. Ryan, Acting Sec'y. 1:15 P M"

An investigation was made of the records of this office and it was impossible to identify Ethel Pierson as an applicant for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman under this name. I therefore addressed the following telegram to the Department:

"Gov. Paid.
Muskogee, I. T. July 7, 1906.

Secretary of Interior,
Washington, D. C.
Replying Departmental telegram seventh instant impossible to identify Ethel Pierson as applicant for enrollment as Choctaw freedman under this name. Please send names of Parents and other information which might aid in identifying this child.

O. B. G. R.

Bixby,
Commissioner."

Secretary 2.

July 9, 1906, I received the following reply:

"23-Da-Hy-Xn 40 Collect Govt 3 P. M.

WASHINGTON D. C. July 9th 1906

Bixby, Commissioner,
Muskogee, I. T.
Answering telegram seventh inst application of Ethel Pierson freedman name of Father Dave Pierson Freedman Citizen Choctaw Nation mother Lizzie Pierson non citizen application sent by registered letter fifth inst. from South McAlester.

THOS. RYAN, Act Secy"

Upon receipt of Departmental telegram of Jul 9, 1906, it was ascertained that affidavits to the birth of Ethel Pierson, child of Dave Pierson a Choctaw freedman, and Lizzie Pierson, a non-citizen, were received at this office July 6, 1906, but were not delivered to the Choctaw-Chickasaw Enrollment Division until the 9th instant, which explains the inability of this office to identify the applicant.

I have to report in this matter that it does not appear that any application has been made by or on behalf of Dave Pearson the father of Ethel Pierson, for the transfer of his name from the roll of Choctaw freedmen to the roll of citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation, under the opinion of the Assistant Attorney General in the Chickasaw enrollment case of Joe and Dillard Perry, and I now have the honor to transmit herewith the original application for the enrollment of Ethel Pierson as a Choctaw freedman, together with my decision of July 11, 1906, declining to receive the same.

Secretary 3.

I have further to report that a number of applications have heretofore been received at this office for the enrollment of children of Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, (Public No. 129), and I have respectfully to request that early action be taken by the Department in this case and that I be advised thereof.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Tams Bixby

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Commissioner.

Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON.

July 13, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

The Office is in receipt of Department letter of July 11, 1906, I.T.D. 7673, transmitting for early report and recommendation a communication from Chester Howe of this city, dated June 26, 1906, and a report from Mr. Bixby dated July 5, 1906, concerning the right of minor children of freedmen of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations to enrollment. The Department desires that this Office consider, in connection with this matter, Choctaw freedman case of Ethel Pierson, which was forwarded to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes with Department letter of July 9, 1906 I.T.D. 12004.

Section 2 of the Act of April 26, 1906, Public No. 129, as amended by this Act of June 21, 1906, Public No. 258, is as follows:

> That for ninety days after approval hereof applications shall be received for enrollment of children who were minors living March 4, 1906, whose parents have been enrolled as members of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee or Creek Tribes, or have applications for enrollment pending at the approval hereof, and for the purpose of enrollment under this section illegitimate children shall take the status of the mother, and allotments shall be made to

> children so enrolled . . . . . Provided, that the rolls of the tribes affected by this act shall be fully completed on or before the 4th day of March, 1907, and the Secretary of the Interior shall have no jurisdiction to approve the enrollment of any person after said date: Provided further, that nothing herein shall be construed so as hereafter to permit any person to file an application for enrollment or to be entitled to enrollment in any of said tribes, except for minors the children of Indians by blood, or of freedmen members of said tribes, or of Mississippi Choctaws identified under the 14th article of the treaty of 1830, as herein otherwise provided, and the fact that the name of a person appears on the tribal roll of any of said tribes shall not be construed to be an application for enrollment.

Mr. Bixby reaches the conclusion that the minor children of Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen are not entitled to enrollment and allotments under the provisions of law quoted herein. The Office does not agree with the position of the Commissioner as to the minor children of Choctaw freedmen, but it does as to minor children of Chickasaw freedmen.

The Assistant Attorney General, in opinion of August 9, 1898, with reference to the rights of Choctaw freedmen to vote in the matter of the adoption of the Choctaw and Chickasaw original agreement, after discussing the case fully, said:

> I am, therefore, of opinion that the freedmen who did not elect to remove and actually remove from the nation under the third article of the treaty, are members of that tribe within the meaning of the provision submitting the amended agreement to a vote of the male members of the tribe qualified to vote under the tribal laws.

As to Chickasaw freedmen he said:

> I am, therefore, of opinion that the Chicka aw freedmen are not members of that tribe within the meaning of the provision submitting the amended agreement to a vote of the male members of the tribe qualified to vote under the tribal laws.

The papers received with Departmental letter of July 9, 1906, concerning Ethel Pierson, a freedman, show that she

> was born on the 27th day of December, 1905, name of father David Pierson, freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation; name of mother, Lizzie Pierson, non-citizen; tribal enrollment of father, Choctaw; postoffice South McAlester, I. T.

Dr. D. W. South, the Department says in said letter, made affidavit that he attended Mrs. Lizzie Pierson, wife of David Pierson, on the 27th day of December , 1905, and that there was born to her on said date a girl child, who was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Ethel Pierson.

Section 3 of the Choctaw-Chickasaw Supplemental Agreement is as follows:

> The words 'member' or'members' and'citizen' or 'citizens' shall be held to mean members or citizens of the Choctaw or Chickasaw tribes of Indians, in Indian Territory, not including freedmen.

Under this Act it is impossible that Choctaw freedmen could not be considered as members of the tribe, and apparently this legislation was changed by the Act of June 21, 1906, which specifically declares that minor children "of Indians by blood or of freedmen members of said tribes, "living on March 4, 1906, shall be enrolled. Congress undoubtedly intentionally used the words "of freedmen members of said tribes" with a view to distinguishing between freedmen who are members and those who are not members.

The Supreme Court of the United States, in the case of the United States against the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations held that the Chickasaw freedmen were not members of the tribes. (See 193 U. S. 115).

The Choctaw freedmen were adopted by Act of the National Council of the Choctaw Nation, approved on May 21, 1883. Section 1 of said Act declares:

> That all persons of African descent residing in the Choctaw Nation at the date of the treaty of Fort Smith, September 13, 1866, and their descendants, formerly held in slavery by the Choctaws ar Chickasaws, are hereby declared to be entitled to and invested with all the rights, privileges, and immunities, including the right of suffrage of citizens of the Choctaw Nation, except in the annuities, moneys and the public domain of the nation.

Section 2 of this Act is as follows:

> All said persons are hereby declared to be entitled to forty acres each of the lands of the nation, to be selected and held by them under the same titled and upon the same terms as the Choctaws.

This Office, in report of January 19, 1898, said, among other things:

> It will be seen from what is set forth in this report that by act of May 21, 1883, the Choctaw Nation adopted their freedmen who desired to remain in the nation and become citizens, and that the Secretary of the Interior, in passing on that act, held it "conforms in all its substantial parts to the requirements of the third article of the treaty, and grants to them (the freedmen) all the rights, privileges, and immunities thereby required." If, therefore, the position of the Department on this question is correct, and I can see no reasonable grounds for doubting it, it would appear that the Choctaw freedmen who have not elected to permanently remove are citizens of the nation, with all the rights, privileges, and immunities contemplated by the treaty of 1866, and that no legislation by Congress is now necessary to adjust and establish their status in the nation. Especially is this so since they now have access to the United States courts to enforce their rights in the nation.

In report of November 23, 1905, in reporting on an Act of the National Council of the Choctaw Nation, "Authorizing the Principal Chief to appoint a commission for the enrollment of newborn Choctaws, and for other purposes," the Office said,

in part:

> As to the enrollment of Choctaw freedmen children, it is no more than justice that they should have the same privileges as are extended to the citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations with reference to the enrollment of their children, but the grant of that privilege to the Chickasaw freedmen is a more serious question since whatever land is taken for them must be paid for by the United States Government. However, I do not believe that any measure of relief should be granted to either class without the assent of the tribal authorities of the two Nations. As to what form of assent should be required is a matter for Departmental consideration, in case of favorable action on the suggestion of the Commissioner.

The Office after giving the subject careful consideration has reached the conclusion that Choctaw freedmen are members of the tribe within the meaning of existing law relating to enrollment and allotment, and that the minor children of such freedmen living on March 4, 1906, are entitled to enrollment. It is also of the opinion that Chickasaw freedmen under existing law are not members of the tribe within the meaning of that term as used in the laws relating to enrollment and allotment, and that minor children of such freedmen living on March 4, 1906, are not entitled to enrollment.

Very Respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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J.W.H.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

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WASHINGTON.

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July 19, 1906.

L.R.S.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Referring to departmental letter of July 9, 1906, relative to the Choctaw freedman case of Ethel Pierson, and to previous correspondence involving the righ of children of Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen to be enrolled under recent acts of Congress, and, to safeguard the possible rights of all concerned, the Department considers that the only proper course to pursue is to permit the filing of applications in such cases by all who desire to do so, and that appropriate action be thereafter taken in accordance with the law and the facts as may then appear. Accordingly, instructions were wired you July 17, 1906, as follows:

> Referring to your letter of the fifth instant, you are directed to receive all applications tendered under la late acts for enrollment of children of Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen and to render decision in each case, the same to be reviewed by Department. Letter follows relative to Ethel Pierson."

This course is considered necessary in order that no one may be misled, and to avoid premature action which time may render its necessary to rescind.

The conclusion of the Department as to the right of chil-

dren of Choctaw freedmen to be enrolled will be furnished you in connection with the Ethel Pierson case, in which decision will be rendered as soon as practicable. In like manner, when a specific case involving the right of children of Chickasaw freedmen is presented, the decision of the Department as to them will be rendered.

Respectfully,

Jesse E. Wilson,

Assistant Secretary.

Through the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs.

17-1110.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 14, 1906.

David Pierson,

North McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of affidavits of Lizzie Pierson and Lucinda Jones to the birth of Millie May Pierson child of David Pierson and Lizzie Pierson, January 8, 1904.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 21, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I am in receipt of Departmental letter of August 11th, 1906 (I. T. D. 9295-1906) referring to me for report and recommendation a communication from James Hubanks, Latham, Indian Territory dated July 24th, 1906, complaining that he had only four days from the receipt of my notice of July 17th, 1906 within which to apply for the enrollment of new-born children as Choctaw freedmen, and I am directed to notify the applicant that under the circumstances his application for the enrollment of his new-born children may be filed and that a decision therein will be prepared subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

In this connection, I desire to invite the attention of the Department to my decision of July 11th, 1906 in the matter of the application

for the enrollment of Ethel Pierson as a Choctaw freedman forwarded to the Department on said date. In this decision it was held that no freedman of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nations is entitled to enrollment under the Act of Congress approved April 26th, 1906 (Public No. 129) as amended by the Act of Congress approved June 21st, 1906 (Public No. 258).

I, therefore, have the honor to suggest that no action be taken in the matter of the reception of applications for the enrollment of Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen under the Act of April 26th, 1906 until the Department has acted upon my decision in the Ethel Pierson case for, in the event that said decision is approved, there will be no necessity for considering the question as to whether freedmen citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations were given sufficient time in which to make application for the enrollment of their minor children under said Act of April 26th, 1906. On the other hand, if the Department does not agree

with the decision of this office and holds that the children of Choctaw or Chickasaw freedmen are entitled to enrollment under said Act, this matter can then be given consideration, and if it is found that persons of this class were deprived of a substantial right in the matter of making application for the enrollment of their children, such applications can then be received within a reasonable time by this office.

I have, therefore, to recommend that no further action be taken in this matter until Departmental action is taken upon the case of Ethel Pierson above referred to.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

E. C. C.

J.R.W.
W.C.P.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Office of the Assistant Attorney-General.

WASHINGTON.

I.T.D.

November 3, 1906.

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The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I received by reference of October 9, 1906, the record in case of Ethel Pierson for enrolment as a Choctaw Freedman. The reference states that:

Ethel Pierson, born December 27, 1905, is the minor child of Lizzie Pierson (or Pearson), a non-citizen, and Dave Pierson, a recognized and enrolled Choctaw freedman, whose name appears opposite number 2318, upon the roll of Choctaw freedmen, approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 8, 1903, and said minor child, Ethel Pierson, was living March 4, 1906.

Your opinion is requested as to whether, by virtue of the provisions of Section 2 of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stat., 137), as amended by the Indian Appropriation Act approved June 21, 1906 (34 Stat., 342), Ethel Pierson is entitled to be enrolled as a Choctaw freedman.

The act provides that:

That for ninety days after approval hereof applications shall be received for enrollment of children who were minors living March 4, 1906, whose parents have been enrolled as members of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee or Creek Tribes, or have applications for enrollment pending at the approval hereof, and for the purpose of enrollment under this section illegitimate children shall take the status of the mother, and allotments shall be made to children so enrolled (June 21, 1906.) . . Provided, That the rolls of the tribes affected by this act shall be fully completed on or before the 4th day of March, 1907, and the Secretary of the Interior shall have no jurisdiction to approve the enrollment of any person after said

date, Provided further, That nothing herein shall be construed so as hereafter to permit any person to file an application for enrollment or to be entitled to enrollment in any of said tribes, except for minors the children of Indians by blood, or of freedmen members of said tribes, or of Mississippi Choctaws identified under the 14th article of the treaty of 1830, as herein otherwise provided, and the fact that the name of a person appears on the tribal roll of any of said tribes shall not be construed to be an application for enrollment.

Referring to definition of "member" and "citizen" in section 3 of the act of July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 641), as meaning member or citizen of the Choctaw or Chickasaw tribes, "not including freedmen," the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, November 14, 1905, construes the amendment of June 21, 1906, above quoted, after the bracket in the section as amended, and says:

This amendment is by its clear wording a limitation and restrictive in its terms, and I cannot believe that Congress intended that it should entitle any persons to enrollment or allotment of lands who were not entitled under section 2 of the Act of April 26, 1906. It is in the nature of a construction by Congress of the meaning intended to be conveyed by the section as originally enacted. . . . . .

In the Cherokee and Creek Nations, however, freedmen are members of said tribes and are entitled to equal rights with citizens by blood. By using the term therefore "freedmen members" it is evident that Congress intended to bring within the provisions of section 2 the children of freedmen of the Cherokee and Creek Nations but that it was clearly intended to exclude the children of freedmen of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations from the benefits thereof.

The Indian Office, July 13, 1906, expressed the opinion

that applicant is entitled to be enrolled, the freedmen of the Choctaw Nation being adopted by the tribe as citizens.

The definition referred to by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, is controlled by the express words of the act of the provisions of the agreement thereby ratified. The definitions of section one of the act premise and limit definitions by the provisions that "Whenever used in this agreement the words . . . . . shall be held to mean, "etc. I am not able to find in any legislation of Congress the evidence of intent to change the status or rights of Choctaw freedmen to be of less right or merit than that given by the treaty and act of the Choctaw Council pursuant thereto, and am therefore of opinion that the act of April 26, 1906, as amended by that of June 21, 1906, clearly expressed the intent of Congress to authorize enrolment of "minors, the children of Indians by blood, or of freedmen members of said tribes," and that, the father of Ethel Pierson being a freedman member of the Choctaw tribe, she is entitled to be enrolled as a freedman member of her father's tribe.

Very respectfully,

S.V. Proudfit,

First Assistant Attorney.

Approved: November 3, 1906.

E. A. Hitchcock.

Secretary.

C.R.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, LLB

WASHINGTON.

November 6, 1906.

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L.R.S.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

In accordance with the recommendation of the Indian Office dated July 13, 1906, and in conformity with the approved opinion of the First Assistant Attorney for this Department dated November 3, 1906 (I.T.D. 22112), your decision of July 11, 1906, declining to receive or consider, under section 2 of the act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stat., 137), as amended by the act of Congress approved June 21, 1906 (34 Stat., 325-384), the application for the enrollment of Ethel Pierson, a minor living March 4, 1906, as a Choctaw freedman, is hereby reversed, and you are directed in accordance therewith to enroll Ethel Pierson as a Choctaw freedman.

Copies of Indian Office letter of July 13, 1906, and of said opinion are herewith forwarded.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs will advise the local

attorney for applicant of this action.

The record has been returned for the files of the Indian Office.

Respectfully,

E. A. Hitchcock,

Secretary.

Through the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON.

November 10, 1906.

DIRECT.

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L.R.S.

The Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Replying to your telegram of the 9th inst., you are advised that the opinion in the Ethel Pierson case referred to therein was forwarded by the Department on October 6, 1906, and the Indian Office reports that it has been mailed to you.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Thos Ryan.

First Assistant Secretary.

J.W.C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON.

November 14, 1906.

SPECIAL.

I.T.D. 22746-1906
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LRS.

The Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your telegram as follows)

Muskogee, I.T., Nov. 13, 1906., Secretary of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

Decision of the Department of November sixth in Ethel Pierson case relative to right of minor children of Choctaw Freedmen to enrolment under act of April twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred six received. Neither in opinion of Assistant Attorney General's Office, nor in opinion of Department is clearly stated whether this decision is to apply only to Choctaw freedmen or whether minor children of Chickasaw freedmen also have rights under said act. I request expression of opinion as to whether minor children of Chickasaw freedmen have any rights under said act. I also desire to call attention to fact that during ninety days following passage of said act, it was not generally understood that applications for enrolment of minor children of Choctaw or Chickasaw Freedmen would be accepted, although all such applications which were sent to this office by mail were received and filed. It is therefore quite possible that many freedmen on account of general misunderstanding of law, neglected to file applications for enrollment of their minor children, within the prescribed ninety days. Many applications for enrolment of minor children of freedmen have been received subsequent to July twenty-fifth. It would seem to be no more than fair if Department can find justification for such action, that for limited time-- say thirty or sixty days from this date, an opportunity should be given for the reception of applications for enrolment of minor freedmen under act above referred to. Please make Special and wire answer. Bixby, Commissioner.

Answer to said telegram was as follows:

Telegram, thirteenth instant received, concerning Chickasaw

freedmen. Same referred to Assistant Attorney General. Letter follows.

Upon receipt of the opinion of the Assistant Attorney General, you will be further informed in the premises.

Respectfully,

Thos. Ryan.

First Assistant Secretary.

Thru the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs.

J.R.W.
W.C.P.
S.V.P.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL.

D.C. 80590-1906. WASHINGTON.
I.T.D.
22746-1906.

November 15, 1906.

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I received by reference of November 14, 1906, telegram of November 15, by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes to you, referring to my opinion in case of Ethel Pierson and saying that neither therein nor in the departmental decision --

is it clearly stated whether this decision is to apply only to Choctaw freedmen or whether minor children of Chickasaw freedmen also have rights under said act. I request expression of opinion.... During ninety days following passage of said act, as it was not generally understood that applications for enrollment of minor children of Choctaw or Chickasaw freedmen would be accepted, all such applications which were sent to this office by mail were received and filed. It is therefore quite possible that many freedmen on account of general misunderstanding of law neglected to file applications for enrollment of their minor children within the prescribed ninety days. Many . . . have been received subsequent to July 25th. It would seem to be no more than fair, if Department can find justification for such action, that for limited time, say thrity or sixty days from this date, an opportunity should be given for reception of applications

The reference requests my opinion--

whether minor children of Chickasaw freedmen have any rights under said act of April 26, 1906; also to advise the Department whether it is authorized to direct the Commissioner to receive applications for enrollment of minor children after July 25, 1906.

The rights of Ethel Pierson and minor Children of Choctaw

freedmen under the act of June 21, 1906 (34 Stat., 348), was based upon the words "freedmen members of said tribes," as is in the opinion referred to unequivocally shown. Chickasaw freedmen are not members of the Chickasaw tribe (Chickasaw Freedmen, Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, 193 U. S., 115), and I am therefore of the opinion that minor children of Chickasaw freedmen are not within the benefits of the act of April 26, 1906.

The Secretary of the Interior has only executive power under the act of April 26, 1906, whereby Congress limited the time within which applications for enrolment shall be made, and he is not authorized to overrule the will of Congress or change the act by extending the limitation imposed. Where applications were made by mail within the time limited, or where parties attended upon the Commissioner or to the proper officer for the purpose of making application and were unable to do so for the reason that the Commissioner or officer was absent or was mistaken as to his power, and refused to received the application, no default was made, and the Commissioner should receive the application and file it as made on such day.

Any relief that may be due parties who by any act, statement, announcement, or expressed opinion of the Commissioner, or

his misconstruction of the law were induced to default, is a matter solely within the power of Congress to grant, and not within that of the executive departments.

Very respectfully,

Signed: Frank L. Campbell,

Assistant Attorney-General.

Approved November 15, 1904.

Signed: E. A. Hitchcock,

Secretary.

J. W. C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

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WASHINGTON.

November 16, 1906.

L. R. S.

The Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your telegram of the 13th inst., with reference to the enrolment of minor children of Chickasaw freedmen.

On the 14th inst. said telegram was referred to the Assistant Attorney General for his opinion, and on the 15th inst. he rendered his opinion, copy of which is inclosed.

It was held in said opinion that minor children of Chickasaw freedmen are not within the benefits of the act of April 26, 1906, and said act limits the time within which applications for enrolment should be made, and the Secretary of the Interior has no authority to overrule the will of Congress or extend the limitations imposed by the act, but it was also held that

while applications were made by mail within the time limited or where parties attended upon the Commissioner or to the proper officer for the purpose of making application and were unable to do so for the reason that the Commissioner or officer was absent or was mistaken as to his power, and refused to receive the application, no default was made, and the Commissioner should receive the application and file it as made on such day,

The Department wired you this day as follows:

Answering telegram, thirteenth instant, approved opinion, Assistant Attorney General holds that minor children, Chickasaw freedmen, not entitled to enrolment under act of April twenty-sixth. No authority to extend time for filing applications under said act. Letter follows.

Said telegram is hereby confirmed.

You will be governed by the views expressed in said opinion.

Respectfully,

Thos Ryan

First Assistant Secretary.

2 inclosure.

Thru the Commissioner
of Indian Affairs.

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 30, 1906.

Dave Pierson,

South McAlester, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on November 6, 1906, the Secretary of the Interior reversed the decision of this office of July 11, 1906, declining to receive the application for the enrollment of your child, Ethel Pierson as a Choctaw freedman, and directed her enrollment as such freedman.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 30, 1906.

M. M. Lindly,

Attorney at Law,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on November 6, 1906, the Secretary of the Interior reversed the decision of this office, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Ethel Pierson as a Choctaw freedman, dated Aply 11, 1906, and directed her enrollment as such freedman.

For your information there is inclosed herewith a copy of Departmental letter of November 6, 1906, above referred to.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner.

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 30, 1906.

Chester Howe,

Washington Loan and Trust Building

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on November 6, 1906, the Secretary of the Interior reversed the decision of this office of July 11, 1906, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Ethel Pierson as a Choctaw freedman, and directed her enrollment as such freedman.

For your information there is inclosed herewith a copy of Departmental letter of November 6, 1906, above referred to.

Respectfully,

LM 30/2

SIGNED Tams Bixby
Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 30, 1906.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory,

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that on November 6, 1906, the Secretary of the Interior reversed the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated July 11, 1906, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Ethel Pierson as a Choctaw freedman, and directed her enrollment as such freedman.

For your information there is inclosed herewith a copy of Departmental letter of November 6, 1906, above referred to.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
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January 15, 1907.

L.R.S.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Referring to departmental letter of November 6, 1906, in the matter of the application for the enrolment of Ethel Pierson as a Choctaw freedman, you are directed to suspend action, until further advised, relative to the enrolment and allotment of land to such claimant, as the papers in the case will be submitted to the Attorney-General in accordance with the direction of the President of the 12th instant

You will inform the U. S. Indian Agent, Union Agency, of any allotment that may have been made to such claimant, in order that he may inform the Department, through the Indian Office, of any application to his office affecting the land in such allotment.

(Signed) Thos Ryan

First Assistant Secretary.

FHE.

I. T. D. 818-1907. January 19, 1907.

The Attorney-General.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith in accordance with the direction of the President, in letter to me of the 12th instant, the papers in the matter of the application for the enrolment, under section 2 of the act of April 26, 1906 (34 Stat., 137), of Ethel Pierson, as a Choctaw freedman, including the opinion of the Assistant Attorney-General for this Department, of November 3, 1906, approved by me, in view of which the Department directed the enrollment of the applicant, in letter of November 6, 1906, to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

On January 15, 1907, however, the Commissioner was directed to suspend action relative to such claimant.

There is also inclosed an opinion of the Assistant Attorney-General of November 15, 1906, approved by me, in which it was held that minor children of Chickasaw freedmen are not entitled to the benefits of the act of April 26, 1906.

The President's letter referred to, with its inclosure, may be found with departmental letter of even date, submitting to you the Choctaw enrollment case of Loula West. See letters of even date submitting the cases of William C. Thompson et al., and

Richard B. Coleman, et al.

A schedule of the papers in the case submitted is attached. It is respectfully requested that the papers so scheduled be returned to the Department in due time.

Respectfully,

E. A. Hitchcock,

Secretary.

Schedule.

A. Indian Office letter of July 13, 1906.....12578-1906.

B. Indian Office letter of July 16, 1906.....12704-1906.

C. Indian Office letter of September 15, 1906..... 18202-1906.

D. Opinion of Assistant Attorney-General of November 3, 1906..... 22112-1906.

E. Telegram from Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes of November 13, 1906..... 22746-1906.

F. Opinion of Assistant Attorney-General of November 15, 1906, relative to the minor children of Chickasaw freedmen..... 22842-1906.

G. Indian Office letter of January 16, 1907 with inclosures .....1086 -1907.

D. C. 5193-1907. W.H.M.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON. January 21, 1907.

L. R. S.
I. T. D. 818-1907.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

There are enclosed herewith, for your information, copies of letters addressed to the Attorney-General, dated January 19, 1907, transmitting the records in the cases of William C. Thompson, et al, as Choctaw citizens, Ethel Pierson, a Choctaw freedman, Richard B. Coleman, et al, Choctaw citizens, and Loula West, a Choctaw citizen by blood.

Respectfully,

Jesse E. Wilson,
Assistant Secretary.

Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,
4 enclosures.

COPY

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

WASHINGTON.

February 19, 1907.

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to communicate to you my opinion in certain Choctaw Indian citizenship cases, the first two submitted by your letter of May 29, 1906, and the others by the direction of the President under date of January 19, 1907.

1. The first case is that of Myrtle Randolph and her brother W. J. Thompson, in regard to which you say:

> Myrtle Randolph and W. J. Thompson are children of Giles Thompson, white, intermarried in the Choctaw Nation in Mississippi prior to the treaty of September 27, 1830 (7 Stat., 333), and was one of the parties named by supplementary article II (ib. 340,) as entitled to a section and a half, reserved to him from the ceded lands, to be so selected as "to include their present residence and improvement." His first and second wives were Choctaws. His name appears on page 64, volume 7, American State Papers (Public Lands), as a beneficiary of Article XIX of the treaty of September 27, 1830, and on page 28, volume 1 of the record in suit of the Choctaw Nation V. United States, Court of Claims. He was registered under the treaty as citizen of the Choctaw Nation, Mushulatubbee's District, and with his family was transported under the treaty as Choctaws, at expense of the United States, from Mississippi to the Choctaw Nation, west, prior to October 24, 1833, when he petitioned the President, from Doakesville, near the Red River, in the southern part of the Choctaw Nation, to approve sale of his Mississippi lands to James Gay, of Mississippi, and for issue of patent therefor (copy A enclosed). In the Choctaw Nation, west, in Indian Territory, in 1863, in accordance to Choctaw law, he married a white woman, citizen of the United States, of whom the applicants were born. He was living October 19, 1865, and was paid by the Choctaw Nation for beeves furnished June 1865. (Copy of Act of Council of October 19, 1865, is enclosed, B). He continued to live in the Nation, and was recognized as a citizen, until his death, aged seventy-six years, and his estate was administered

in the Choctaw Courts as that of an Indian and within their jurisdiction. The applicants--his children-- were born in the Choctaw Nation, were admitted to and attended the Choctaw schools as Choctaws, and in all respects enjoyed and were accorded the privileges of native born Choctaws. The applicants were enrolled by the Choctaw Committee on Citizenship in 1892, as Choctaw citizens. The Department is not yet advised whether they are borne on any other of the Choctaw rolls. They settled and improved tribal lands, as the father before had done in Mississippi, as Choctaws, erected homes, and were never ousted or objected to or regarded as intruders.

September 8, 1896, these applicants and others applied to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes for enrollment under the Act of June 10, 1896 (29 Stat., 321, 339), and December 7, 1896, were denied. Applicants appealed to the United States Court, Southern District, Indian Territory, which, January 18, 1898, reversed the Commission, and admitted the applicants. From this judgment the Nation appealed and the judgment was affirmed (reported as Stephens v. Cherokee Nation and Choctaw Nation v. Robinson, 174 U.S., 445, foot-note page 469, case No. 587; same v. Randolph et al). Subsequently, under the act of July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 641, 646-9), the matter was brought by appeal of the nations to the Choctaw-Chickasaw Citizenship Court, which, November 29, 1904, denied the application--copy of opinion wherein and in Wall v. Choctaw Nation et al., and in E. H. Bounds v. Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, whereon both were founded are enclosed (C, D, E,).

The validity and finality of the Citizenship Court are therefore a vital feature of this case. In regard to its judgment you say in your letter:

> Bearing upon the validity of this judgment, your attention is called to the fact that the act of June 10, 1896 gave no power to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes to purge the tribal rolls, which were by the act confirmed. Power to purge the rolls was first conferred on the Commission by the Act of June 7, 1897 (30 Stat., 84), and further by Section 21, act of June 28, 1898 (30 Stat., 495, 502). Wherefore this Department holds that no jurisdiction was given the Commission, or to the Courts on appeal therefrom, to exclude persons having tribal recognition and borne on the tribal rolls, but that such persons, notwithstanding prior adverse action by the Commission, or the courts, are entitled to enrollment under the act of 1898 and supplementary acts, unless their inscription on the tribal rolls was procured by fraud or was without authority of law. Such has been the

rule of this Department since decision in the case of Wiley Adams May 21, 1903, discussed and concurred in by the Assistant Attorney-General, Interior Department (opinions of March 24, 1905, in cases of Benjamin J. Vaughn and Mary Elizabeth Martin. In Vaughn's case counsel for the nations acceded to it as the proper rule.

To determine the validity and finality of the judgment of the Citizenship Court, as well as other questions arising in these cases, it is necessary to consider carefully the entire legislation of the Congress on this subject.

The act of June 10, 1896 (29 Stat. 321, 339), directed the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes in the Indian Territory to continue the exercise of the authority theretofore conferred upon them to negotiate with such tribes for the extinguishment of the tribal title to their lands, by the cession of the same or a part thereof to the United States, or their allotment in severalty to the members of such tribes, with a view to the ultimate creation of a State or States embracing such lands.

That act also provided:

> That said commission is further authorized and directed to proceed at once to hear and determine the application of all persons who may apply to them for citizenship in any of said nations, and after such hearing they shall determine the right of such applicant to be so admitted and enrolled; Provided, however, That such application shall be made to such Commissioners within three months after the passage of this Act. The said Commission shall decide all such applications within ninety days after the same shall be made. That in determining all such applications said commission shall respect all laws of the several nations or tribes, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States, and all treaties with either of said nations or tribes, and shall give due force and effect to the rolls, usages, and customs

of each of said nations or tribes. And provided, further, That the rolls of citizenship of the several tribes as now existing are hereby confirmed, and any person who shall claim to be entitled to be added to said rolls as a citizen of either of said tribes and whose right thereto has either been denied or not acted upon, or any citizen who may within three months from and after the passage of this Act desire such citizenship, may apply to the legally constituted court or committee designated by the several tribes for such citizenship, and such court or committee shall determine such application within thirty days from the date thereof.

In the performance of such duties said commission shall have power and authority to administer oaths, to issue processes for and compel the attendance of witnesses, and to send for persons and papers, and all depositions and affidavits and other evidence in any form whatsoever heretofore taken where the witnesses giving such testimony are dead or now residing beyond the limits of said Territory, and to use every fair and reasonable means within their reach for the purpose of determining the rights of persons claiming such citizenship, or to protect any of said nations from fraud or wrong, and the rolls so prepared by them shall be hereafter held and considered to be the true and correct rolls of persons entitled to the rights of citizenship in said several tribes: Provided, That if the tribe, or any person, be aggrieved with the decision of the tribal authorities or the commission provided for in this Act, it or he may appeal from such decision to the United States district court; Provided, however, That the appeal shall be taken within sixty days, and the judgment of the court shall be final.

That the said commission, after the expiration of six months, shall cause a complete roll of citizenship of each of said nations to be made up from their records, and add thereto the names of citizens whose right may be conferred under this Act, and said rolls shall be, and are hereby, made rolls of citizenship of said nations or tribes, subject, however, to the determination of the United States courts, as provided herein.

The commission is hereby required to file the lists of members as they finally approve them with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to remain there for use as the final judgment of the duly constituted authorities.

The act of June 7, 1897 (30 Stat. 62,84) contained this provision:

That said commission shall continue to exercise all

authority heretofore conferred on it by law to negotiate with the Five Tribes, and any agreement made by it with any one of said tribes, when ratified, shall operate to suspend any provisions of this Act if in conflict therewith as to said nation; Provided, That the words "rolls of citizenship", as used in the act of June tenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, making appropriations for current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department and fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian Tribes for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, shall be construed to mean the last authenticated rolls of each tribe which have been approved by the council of the nation, and the descendants of those appearing on such rolls, and such additional names and their descendants as have been subsequently added, either by the council of such nation, the duly authorized Courts thereof, or the commission under the act of June tenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six. And all other names appearing upon such rolls shall be open to investigation by such commission for a period of six months after the passage of this Act. And any name appearing on such rolls and not confirmed by the Act of June tenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, as herein construed, may be stricken therefrom by such commission where the party affected shall have ten days previous notice that said commission will investigate and determine the right of such party to remain upon such roll as a citizen of such nation; Provided, also, That any one whose name shall be stricken from the roll by such commission shall have the right of appeal, as provided in the Act of June tenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

The act of June 28, 1898 (30 Stat. 495, 502-3), provided:

Sec. 21. That in making rolls of citizenship of the several tribes as required by law, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes is authorized and directed to take the roll of Cherokee citizens of eighteen hundred and eighty (not including freedmen) as the only roll intended to be confirmed by this and preceding acts of Congress, and to enroll all persons now living whose names are found on said roll, and all descendants born since the date of said roll to persons whose names are found thereon; and all persons who have been enrolled by the tribal authorities who have heretofore made permanent settlement in the Cherokee Nation whose parents, by reason of their Cherokee blood, have been lawfully admitted to citizenship by the tribal authorities, and who were minors when their parents were so admitted; and

they shall investigate the right of all other persons whose names are found on any other rolls and omit all such as may have been placed thereon by fraud or without authority of law, enrolling only such as may have lawful right thereto, and their descendants born since such rolls were made, with such inter-married white persons as may be entitled to citizenship under Cherokee laws.

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Said commission is authorized and directed to make correct rolls of the citizens by blood of all the other tribes, eliminating from the tribal rolls such names as may have been placed thereon by fraud or without authority of law, enrolling such only as may have lawful right thereto, and their descendants born since such rolls were made, with such intermarried white persons as may be entitled to Choctaw and Chickasaw citizenship under the treaties and the laws of said tribes.

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The rolls so made, when approved by the Secretary of the Interior, shall be final, and the persons whose names are found thereon, with their descendants thereafter born to them, with such persons as may intermarry according to tribal laws, shall alone constitute the several tribes which they represent.

The act of May 31, 1900 (31 Stat. 221, 236), provided:

That said commission shall continue to exercise all authority heretofore conferred upon it by law. But it shall not receive, consider, or make any record of any application of any person for enrollment as a member of any tribe in the Indian Territory who has not been a recognized citizen thereof, and duly and lawfully enrolled or admitted as such, and its refusal of such application shall be final when approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

The act of March 3, 1901 (31 Stat., 1058,1077), contained this provision:

The rolls made by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, when approved by the Secretary of the Interior, shall be final, and the persons whose names are found thereon shall alone constitute the several tribes which they represent; and the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to fix a time by agreement with said tribes or either of them for closing said rolls, but upon failure or refusal of said tribes or any of them to agree thereto, then the Secretary of the Interior shall fix a time for closing said rolls, after which no name shall be added thereto.

The act of July 1, 1902 (32 Stat. 641) ratified an agreement made by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes with the Commission representing the Choctaw and Chickasaw Tribes. This agreement was subsequently ratified by those two nations as required therein. In regard to rolls of citizenship it provided:

> 27. The rolls of the Choctaw and Chickasaw citizens and Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen shall be made by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, in strict compliance with the act of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stat., 495), and the act of Congress approved May 31, 1900 (31 Stat., 221), except as herein otherwise provided: Provided, That no person claiming right to enrollment and allotment and distribution of tribal property, by virtue of a judgment of the United States court in the Indian Territory under the act of June 10, 1896 (29 Stats., 321), and which right is contested by legal proceedings instituted under the provisions of this agreement, shall be enrolled or receive allotment of lands or distribution of tribal property until his right thereto has been finally determined.
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> 28. The names of all persons living on the date of the final ratification of this agreement entitled to be enrolled as provided in section 27 hereof shall be placed upon the rolls made by said Commission; and no child born thereafter to a citizen or freedman and no person intermarried thereafter to a citizen shall be entitled to enrollment or to participate in the distribution of the tribal property of the Choctaws and Chickasaws.
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> 29. No person whose name appears upon the rolls made by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes as a citizen or freedman of any other tribe shall be enrolled as a citizen or freedman of the Choctaw or Chickasaw nations.
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> 30. For the purpose of expediting the enrollment of the Choctaw and Chickasaw citizens and Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen, the said Commission shall, from time to time, and as early as practicable, forward to the Secretary of the Interior lists upon which shall be placed the names of those persons found by the Commission to be entitled to enrollment. The lists thus prepared, when approved by the Secretary of the Interior, shall constitute a part and parcel of the final

roll of citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes and of Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen, upon which allotment of land and distribution of other tribal property shall be made as herein provided. Lists shall be made up and forwarded when contests of whatever character shall have been determined, and when there shall have been submitted to and approved by the Secretary of the Interior lists embracing names of all those lawfully entitled to enrollment, the rolls shall be deemed complete. The rolls so prepared shall be made in quintuplicate, one to be deposited with the Secretary of the Interior, one with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, one with the principal chief of the Choctaw Nation, one with the governor of the Chickasaw Nation, and one to remain with the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

31. It being claimed and insisted by the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations that the United States courts in the Indian Territory acting under the Act of Congress approved June 10, 1896, have admitted persons to citizenship or to enrollment as such citizens in the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations, respectively, without notice of the proceedings in such courts being given to each of said nations; and it being insisted by said nations that, in such proceedings, notice to each of said nations was indispensable, and it being claimed and insisted by said nations that the proceedings in the United States courts in the Indian Territory, under the said Act of June 10, 1896, should have been confined to a review of the action of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, upon the papers and evidence submitted to such commission, and should not have extended to a trial de novo of the question of citizenship; and it being desirable to finally determine these questions, the two nations, jointly, or either of said nations acting separately and making the other a party defendant, may, within ninety days after this agreement becomes effective, by a bill in equity filed in the Choctaw and Chickasaw citizenship court hereinafter named, seek the annulment and vacation of all such decisions by said courts . Ten persons so admitted to citizenship or enrollment by said courts, with notice to one but not to both of said nations, shall be made defendants to said suit as representatives of the entire class of persons similarly situated, the number of such persons being too numerous to require all of them to be made individual parties to the suit; but any person so situated may, upon his application, be made a party defendant to the suit. Notice of the institution of said suit shall be personally served upon the chief executive of the defendant nation, if either nation be made a party defendant as aforesaid, and upon each of said ten representative defendants,

and shall also be published for a period of four weeks in at least two weekly newspapers having general circulation in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. Such notice shall set forth the nature and prayer of the bill, with the time for answering the same, which shall not be less than thirty days after the last publication. Said suit shall be determined at the earliest practicable time, shall be confined to a final determination of the questions of law here named, and shall be without prejudice to the determination of any charge or claim that the admission of such persons to citizenship or enrollment by said United States courts in the Indian Territory was wrongfully obtained as provided in the next section. In the event said citizenship judgments or decisions are annulled or vacated in the test suit hereinbefore authorized, because of either or both of the irregularities claimed and insisted upon by said nations as aforesaid, then the files, papers, and proceedings in any citizenship case in which the judgment or decision is so annulled or vacated, shall, upon written application therefor, made within ninety days thereafter by any party thereto, who is thus deprived of a favorable judgment upon his claimed citizenship, be transferred and certified to said citizenship court by the court having custody and control of such files, papers and proceedings, and upon the filing in such citizenship court of the files, papers and proceedings in any such citizenship case, accompanied by due proof that notice in writing of the transfer and certification thereof has been given to the chief executive officer of each of said nations, said citizenship case shall be docketed in said citizenship court, and such further proceedings shall be had therein in that court as ought to have been had in the court to which the same was taken on appeal from the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, and as if no judgment or decision had been rendered therein.

32 Said citizenship court shall also have appellate jurisdiction over all judgments of the courts in Indian Territory rendered under said Act of Congress of June tenth, eighteen hundred and ninety six, admitting persons to citizenship or to enrollment as citizens in either of said nations. The right of appeal may be exercised by said nations jointly or by either of them acting separately at any time within six months after this agreement is finally ratified. In the exercise of such appellate jurisdiction said citizenship court shall be authorized to consider, review, and revise all such judgments, both as to findings of fact and conclusions of law, and may, whenever in its judgment substantial justice will thereby be subserved, permit either party to any such appeal to take and present such further evidence as may be

necessary to enable said court to determine the very right of the controversy. And said court shall have power to make all needful rules and regulations prescribing the manner of taking and conducting said appeals and of taking additional evidence therein. Such citizenship courts shall also have like appellate jurisdiction and authority over judgments rendered by such courts under the said act denying claims to citizenship or to enrollment as citizens in either of said nations. Such appeals shall be taken within the time hereinbefore specified and shall be taken, conducted and disposed of in the same manner as appeals by the said nations, save that notice of appeals by citizenship claimants shall be served upon the chief executive officer of both nations; Provided, That paragraphs thirty-one, thirty-two and thirty-three thereof shall go into effect immediately after the passage of this Act by Congress.

33. A court is hereby created to be known as the Choctaw and Chickasaw Citizenship Court, the existence of which shall terminate upon the final determination of the suits and proceedings named in the last two preceding sections, but in no event later than the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and three. Said court shall have all authority and power necessary to the hearing and determination of the suits and proceedings so committed to its jurisdiction, including the authority to issue and enforce all requisite writs, process and orders, and to prescribe rules and regulations for the transaction of its business. It shall also have all the powers of a circuit court of the United States in compelling the production of books, papers and documents, the attendance of witnesses, and in punishing contempt. Except where herein otherwise expressly provided, the pleadings, practice and proceedings in said court shall conform, as near as may be, to the pleadings, practice and proceedings in equity causes in the Circuit Courts of the United States. The testimony shall be taken in court or before one of the judges, so far as practicable. Each judge shall be authorized to grant, in vacation or recess, interlocutory orders and to hear and dispose of interlocutory motions not affecting the substantial merits of the case. Said court shall have a chief judge and two associate judges, a clerk, a stenographer, who shall be deputy clerk, and a bailiff. The judges shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall each receive a compensation of five thousand dollars per annum, and his necessary and actual traveling and personal expenses while engaged in the performance of his duties. The clerk, stenographer, and bailiff shall be appointed by the judges, or a majority of them, and shall receive the following yearly compensation:

Clerk, two thousand four hundred dollars; stenographer, twelve hundred dollars; bailiff, nine hundred dollars. The compensation of all these officers shall be paid by the United States in monthly installments. The moneys to pay said compensation are hereby appropriated, and there is also appropriated the sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, to pay such contingent expenses of said court and its officers as to such Secretary may seem proper. Said court shall have a seal, shall sit at such place or places in the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations as the judges may designate, and shall hold public sessions, beginning the first Monday in each month, so far as may be practicable or necessary. Each judge and the clerk and deputy clerk shall be authorized to administer oaths. All writs and process issued by said court shall be served by the United States marshal for the district in which the service is to be had. The fees for serving process and the fees of witnesses shall be paid by the party at whose instance such process is issued or such witnesses are subpoenaed, and the rate or amount of such fees shall be the same as is allowed in civil causes in the circuit court of the United States for the western district of Arkansas. No fees shall be charged by the clerk or other officers of said court. The clerk of the United States Court in Indian Territory, having custody and control of the files, papers, and proceedings in the original citizenship cases, shall receive a fee of two dollars and fifty cents for transferring and certifying to the citizenship court the files, papers, and proceedings in each case, without regard to the number of persons whose citizenship is involved therein, and said fee shall be paid by the person applying for such transfer and certification. The judgment of the citizenship court in any or all of the suits or proceedings so committed to its jurisdiction shall be final. All expenses necessary to the proper conduct, on behalf of the nations, of the suits and proceedings provided for in this and the two preceding sections shall be incurred under the direction of the executives of the two nations, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, upon certificate of said executives, to pay such expenses as in his judgment are reasonable and necessary out of any of the joint funds of said nations in the Treasury of the United States.

It appears that the agreement in these paragraphs provides for the establishment of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Citizenship Court, and gives it jurisdiction of a test suit to annul and va-

cate the decisions of the United States courts in the Indian Territory admitting persons to citizenship and enrollment as citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations, respectively, on the ground of want of notice to both of said nations and because the United States courts tried such cases de novo, with a right in the event such judgments should be annulled because of either or both of the irregularities mentioned, on the part of any party thus deprived of a favorable judgment to remove his case to the Citizenship Court, where such further proceedings were to be had therein "as ought to have been had in the court to which the same was taken on appeal from the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, as if no judgment or decision had been rendered thereon; and also "appellate jurisdiction over all judgments of the courts in Indian Territory, rendered under said act of Congress of June tenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, admitting persons to citizenship or to enrollment in either of said nations." In the exercise of such appellate jurisdiction the citizenship court was "authorized to consider, review, and revise all such judgments, both as to findings of fact and conclusions of law, and may, whenever in its judgment substantial justice will thereby be subserved, permit either party to any such appeal to take and present such further evidence as may be necessary to enable said court to determine the very right of the controversy."

It will be noted that the agreement further provides (paragraph 33) that "the judgment of the citizenship court in any or

all of the suits or proceedings so committed to its jurisdiction shall be final."

The agreement also contained this provision:

34. During the ninety days first following the date of the final ratification of this agreement, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes may receive applications for enrollment only of persons whose names are on the tribal rolls, but who have not heretofore been enrolled by said Commission, commonly known as "delinquents", and such intermarried white persons as may have married recognized citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations in accordance with the tribal laws, customs and usages on or before the date of the passage of this Act of Congress, and such infant children as may have been born to recognized and enrolled citizens on or before the date of the final ratification of this agreement; but the application of no person whomsoever for enrollment shall be received after the expiration of the said ninety days; Provided, That nothing in this section shall apply to any person or persons making application for enrollment as Mississippi Choctaws, for whom provision has herein otherwise been made.

By the Act of April 21, 1904 (33 Stat. 189,204), it was provided that the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes should conclude its work and terminate on or before July 1, 1905, and cease to exist on that date, the powers theretofore conferred upon it being continued.

By the Act of March 3, 1905 (33 Stat. 1048,1060), it was provided "that the work of completing the unfinished business, if any, of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes shall devolve upon the Secretary of the Interior, and that all the powers heretofore granted to the said Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes are hereby conferred upon the said Secretary on and after the first of July, nineteen hundred and five."

By the act of April 26, 1906 (34 Stat. 137), it was provided:

> That after the approval of this Act no person shall be enrolled as a citizen or freedman of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Creek, or Seminole tribes of Indians in the Indian Territory, except as herein otherwise provided, unless application for enrollment was made prior to December first, nineteen hundred and five, and the records in charge of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes shall be conclusive in evidence as to the fact of such application; and no motion to reopen or reconsider any citizenship case, in any of said tribes, shall be entertained unless filed with the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes within sixty days after the date of the order or decision sought to be reconsidered except as to decisions made prior to the passage of this act, in which cases such motion shall be made within sixty days after the passage of this act. x x x

By that act the rolls of citizenship of the several tribes were required to be completed March 4, 1907.

After very carefully considering this legislation, in the light of the circumstances under which it was enacted, I am constrained to the conclusion that the Citizenship Court had jurisdiction of the cases now under consideration, and that its judgment therein is final.

By the act of June 10, 1896, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes was "authorized and directed to proceed at once to hear and determine the application of <u>all</u> persons who may apply to them for citizenship in any of said nations." It is true that this act also confirmed the then existing rolls of the several tribes, but the question whether an applicant was, as matter of fact, already duly enrolled upon one of the rolls so confirmed constituted, in my opinion, an issue upon which the Commission was authorized and required to pass: the applicant may be fairly

held to have waived by his application the conclusiveness of the confirmation of the rolls in this case.

Independently of any such waiver, I do not see how the proposition that the Commission did not have jurisdiction of the case of a person whose name was upon a tribal roll can be maintained, in the face of the provision of the act of June 10, 1896, that "in determining all such applications said Commission shall x x x give due force and effect to the rolls, usages and customs of each of said nations or tribes." I think that act left it to the Commission to determine whether or not the applicant was upon a roll which was confirmed, and evidently it did not so hold in these cases.

It is unnecessary, however, to determine what might have been the effect of an adverse judgment in the case of an applicant whose name was upon a roll so confirmed for such confirmation was certainly and very materially modified by the act of June 7, 1897, and apparently altogether withdrawn by the act of June 28, 1898. The act of June 7, 1897, provided that the words "rolls of citizenship" as used in the act of June 10, 1896, should be construed to mean the "last authenticated rolls of each tribe which have been approved by the council of the nation". I am informed that there never was any such an authenticated roll of the Choctaw Tribe, either at the time of the passage of the act of June 10, 1896, or subsequently thereto. Moreover, by the act of June 28, 1898, it was provided that in making rolls of citizenship of the

several tribes, the Commission should take the Cherokee roll of 1880 as the only roll intended to be confirmed by that and preceding acts of Congress: it seems to be clear from the further provisions of the Act that the Congress did not here refer to the Cherokee rolls only but had in mind those of all the Tribes. To my mind, however, the decisive consideration is that Congress, knowing there were certain cases of contested citizenship in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, referred these cases, under carefully defined conditions, to the Citizenship Court and made the determination of that Court in those cases final. This provision of law repealed, as to cases in this category, any inconsistent provisions (if any there were) in the Act of 1896 or any other prior act. These cases were unquestionably within the terms of the laws the claimants had been admitted to citizenship by decisions of the United States courts, and it seems clear that, under the agreement with the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations ratified by the act of July 1, 1902, it was intended that the Citizenship Court should have a revisory jurisdiction of judgments of the United States courts in the Indian Territory in citizenship cases, irrespective of the grounds on which these suits had been entertained by the said courts. That agreement was made after the confirmation given to the tribal rolls had been qualified if not with drawn, and, we must presume with a knowledge of the fact that the Commission, under the act of June 10, 1896, had exercised

jurisdiction in the case of persons whose names appeared upon some of the rolls of the tribes. Its action seems to show that Congress did not intend to confirm any roll of the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes, but, however that may be when, with a knowledge of all that had gone before, it created the Citizenship Court, this was done, in my opinion, with the evident purpose of giving it jurisdiction of all citizenship cases which had been decided by the United States courts for the Indian Territory on appeal from the judgments of the Commission. As neither Congress nor the Nations made any distinction in the act and agreement referred to as to the cases of persons whose names were on a tribal roll which might have been confirmed by the act of June 10, 1896, if Congress had not decided otherwise I do not think any other authority can make this distinction. Indeed, as I have suggested, the applicants themselves, having voluntarily submitted to the jurisdiction of the Commission, might be fairly held estopped to now deny it.

I understand that it is not contended, nor do I think it could be successfully maintained that any authority to review the judgments of the Citizenship Court was intended to be conferred upon you by Congress when it made the rolls, as finally compiled, subject to your approval (see paragraph 30 of the agreement ratified by the act of July 1, 1902.) Neither do I think that the provision in the act of April 26, 1906, above quoted, as to enrolling

persons and entertaining motions to reopen or reconsider citizenship cases, was intended to recognize or confer any such authority, the purpose of that provision being simply to limit the time in which the authority previously conferred might be exercised. To hold thus would be to treat the later act as a repeal of so much of the former as expressly declared the judgments of the Citizenship Court to be final, which seems to me untenable.

This disposes of the cases of Myrtle Randolph and her brother W. J. Thompson: whatever their intrinsic merits, these claims have been finally decided adversely to the claimants by the judgment of the Citizenship Court.

2. The second case is that of Cyrus H. Kingsbury and Lucy B. Littlepage, in regard to whom you say:

> Cyrus H. Kingsbury and Lucy B. Littlepage are children of John Parker-Kingsbury and wife, Hannah Mariah, white, affiliated by act of the Choctaw Council of November 15, 1854, which enacted:
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> That all rights, privileges and immunities of Choctaw citizens are hereby granted unto John Parker-Kingsbury and to his wife Hannah Mariah, and they shall enjoy all the benefits to which the citizens of this nation may hereafter be entitled, except in the participation of any sum of money which may now be due the nation under treaty stipulations heretofore made.
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> Both applicants were born in the Choctaw Nation and have always resided there as its recognized citizens. Both are on the tribal Choctaw 1885 census roll, Atoka County, Nos. 819, 821. September 7, 1896, they applied to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes under the act of June 10, 1896, were enrolled, and no appeal was taken. Cyrus H.

Kingsbury is on the 1896 Choctaw census roll. Lucy H. Littlepage is on the partial roll of Choctaw citizens by blood, and her husband, Patrick H. Littlepage, on the roll of intermarried citizens--both rolls approved by the Secretary of the Interior, October 21, 1904. Patent, signed and executed by the principal chief of the Choctaw nation, conveying to Cyrus H. Kingsbury allotted tribal lands as a citizen by blood, is now before the Secretary of the Interior for approval, but is not yet approved, or delivered. No objection to occupation of tribal lands was ever made against either applicant as an intruder.

Paragraph 27 of the agreement with the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations ratified by the act of July 1, 1902, provides that the rolls of Choctaw and Chickasaw citizens shall be made by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes "in strict compliance" with the acts of June 28, 1898, and May 31, 1900.

Section 21 of the act of June 28, 1898, after providing that in making rolls of citizenship of the several tribes the Commission shall take the roll of Cherokee citizens of 1880 as the only roll intended to be confirmed by that and preceding acts of Congress, and providing for the enrollment of the Cherokees, authorizes and directs the Commission "to make correct rolls of the citizens by blood of all the other tribes, eliminating from the tribal rolls such names as may have been placed thereon by fraud or without authority of law, enrolling such only as may have lawful right thereto, and their descendants born since such rolls were made, with such intermarried white persons as may be entitled to Choctaw and Chickasaw citizenship under the treaties and the laws of said tribes."

It might be held that the only white person intended to be enrolled by this Act were such intermarried ones as were entitled to citizenship under the treaties and laws of the tribes, if it were not for the reference to the tribal rolls, on which, as appears from your statement as to these parties, there were undoubtedly the names of adopted whites. The only names which the Act declares shall beeliminatedfrom the tribal rolls are those placed thereon by fraud or without authority of law, and it is not suggested that the names of these parties were open to either of those objections.

Light, it seems to me, is thrown on this matter by the Act of May 31, 1900, which was also directed to be strictly complied with in making the rolls of citizenship of these tribes. That act is plainly intended to be of a restrictive nature, yet a fair construction of it would seem to authorize the enrollment of these parties. It provides that the Commission shall continue to exercise all authority theretofore conferred upon it by law, "but it shall not receive, consider, or make any record of any application of any person for enrollment as a member of any tribe in the Indian Territory who has not been a recognized citizen thereof, and duly and lawfully enrolled or admitted as such, and its refusal of any such application shall be final when approved by the Secretary of the Interior."

This act recognizes the authority of the Commission to receive, consider and record the application of a recognized citizen of any of the tribes referred to who has been duly and lawfully enrolled or admitted as such, its refusal of the application of any person not so qualified being made final when approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

These applicants appear to possess all of these qualifications. Your letter states that they were born and have always resided in the Choctaw Nation as its recognized citizens; that their names appear upon various tribal rolls, and that they were admitted by the Commission in 1896 as citizens, no appeal from the decision of the Commission being taken by the Nation. That they were duly and lawfully enrolled by the tribal authorities would seem to result from the fact that both of their parents had been adopted into the tribe, and the failure to contest the action of the Commission in admitting them would indicate that their citizenship rights were regarded as indisputable.

You say that you would not have doubt that these applicants, born to the allegiance of the Choctaw Nation, are entitled to be enrolled, but for the report of my predecessor to the President of February 24, 1906, in the case of persons without Indian blood, and the order to you of February 27, 1906, that "in the President's judgment, without reference to the act of Congress, it is perfectly clear equity demands that the son of white parents, who has no

Indian blood in his veins, even though one of these parents has been adopted into the tribe, should not be treated as an Indian".

The report of Mr. Moody and the order of the President thereon, had reference to the case of children of white persons, one of whom had previously acquired Indian citizenship by virtue of his marriage into the Choctaw tribe, but had afterwards, upon the death of his Indian spouse, married a white person. Mr. Moody was of opinion that the right of citizenship acquired by an intermarried white was a personal right, and could not be conferred upon children by such subsequent marriage, which is also the view taken by the Citizenship Court.

I see no reason to question the soundness of that conclusion, assuming that the matter in still open for consideration. It is expressly provided by the Choctaw act of November 9, 1875, providing for the intermarriage of whites with Choctaws, that a white person intermarrying into the tribe in pursuance of that act should forfeit his rights of citizenship acquired thereunder if upon the death of his Indian spouse he married "a white man of woman, or person, as the case may be, having no rights of Choctaw citizenship by blood."

I am aware that it has been held by one of the United States Courts in the Indian Territory that this law is inconsistent with the treaty of April 28, 1866, but with great respect for the said Court, I do not so consider it. That treaty provides:

Article 28. Every white person who, having married a Choctaw or Chickasaw, resides in the said Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation, or who has been adopted by the legislative authorities, is to be deemed a member of said nation and shall be subject to the laws of the Choctaws and Chickasaw Nations according to his domicile, and to prosecution and trial before their tribunals, and to punishment according to their laws in all respects as though he was a native Choctaw.

This article merely recognizes a pre-existing custom of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations as to the intermarriage and adoption of white persons, and cannot fairly be said to have been intended to prevent them from decitizenizing an intermarried person for good cause: and what better cause could there be than that the tie which bound him to the tribe, and because of which alone citizenship was granted, was broken?

An act of the Choctaw Nation, approved October 30, 1896, providing for the enrollment of Choctaw citizens, provided that "the Commission shall enroll as citizens all who come under any one of the following heads, and all such persons are hereby declared citizens of the Choctaw Nation:"

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V. All white men who have married Choctaw women by blood in strict conformity to the laws of the Choctaw Nation of 1875 regulating inter-marriage, or the Chickasaw law of 1878 regulating inter-marriage, and have not been divorced from same nor married any other than a Choctaw woman by blood since said marriage.

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VIII. All white women who have married Choctaws by blood legally and have not been divorced from them nor since married any other than a Choctaw by blood, a recognized citizen and resident of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation.

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That act further provided that "the Commissions are especially prohibited from enrolling as citizens any persons coming under the following heads:"

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II. The children of any marriage where neither the father nor mother are Choctaws by blood, though one or both of said childrens' parents may have enjoyed intermarried rights.

III. All persons who, though they had at one time intermarried rights, afterwards married a person not a Choctaw by blood (being the father or mother of Choctaw children shall not save a person from this clause.)

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VI. All white persons who have been admitted to citizenship with their wife or husband by the General Council and afterward the wife of husband, Choctaw by blood, dying, the surviving party, being a white person, has intermarried with a person not a Choctaw by blood.

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It is clear that, at least since 1875, the Choctaw Nation never intended that a white person, intermarrying into the tribe, should have power to confer citizenship upon his children by a subsequent marriage to other than a citizen by blood . The informal opinion of Attorney General Moody unquestionably had reference to cases of this character.

The case of the present applicants is quite different from that just referred to. Here both parents were adopted into the tribe. It must have been contemplated that they might have children, and if so, what was to be their citizenship if not that of their parents?

The facts in the present case answer this inquiry. Your letter states that these applicants have always been recognized as citizens of the Chickasaw Nation, that their names appear on the tribal census roll of 1885, as well as upon the rolls prepared in pursuance of the Choctaw act of October 30, 1896. It seems clear, therefore, irrespective of the action of the Commission in admitting them as citizens in pursuance of the authority granted to it by the act of June 10, 1896, that they are clearly entitled to be enrolled for allotment purposes.

3. The Case of Loula (or Lulu) West, et al.

It appears from the papers in this case that Loula West applied to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, pursuant to the Act of June 10, 1896, for admission to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation, and was admitted as a citizen by blood; that the Choctaw Nation appealed to the United States court for the Central District of the Indian Territory, which affirmed the judgment of the Commission; that this judgment was annulled and vacated by the judgment of the Citizenship Court in the test case provided for by the Act of July 1, 1902, (32 Stat.641,647); and thereupon she removed her case to that court, which denied her application.

This case is similar to that of Myrtle Randolph and her brother W. J. Thompson, children of Giles Thompson, above referred to, in that it involves the question of the finality of the judg-

ment of the Citizenship Court, it being contended that the Commission in the first instance and the Citizenship Court ultimately on appeal had no jurisdiction of the case because at the time of her application to the Commission her name was upon a tribal roll.

For the reasons heretofore stated, I think this contention is not well founded, and that the Citizenship Court had jurisdiction of such cases, and its judgments therein were final.

4. The Case of William C. Thompson et al.

In this case the record shows that Thompson applied to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, pursuant to the act of June 10, 1896, for the enrollment of himself, his wife, and children with the exception of a daughter Mary M.McNeese, who made a separate application for herself, her husband, a white man, and their children. The Commission denied Thompson's application, and also that of his daughter. No appeal was taken from these judgments, and it is contended, on behalf of the Nation, that under the act of June 10, 1896, they were final and conclusive against the right of these parties to be enrolled.

The claimants, however, rely upon the fact that their names appear upon the tribal roll prepared in pursuance of the Choctaw acts of September 18 and October 30, 1896.

In my judgment, the action of the Commission, under the act of June 10, 1896, not having been appealed from, was final and

conclusive against the right of these parties to be admitted to citizenship, and the Choctaw Nation, even if it attempted to do so, had no right thereafter to admit them. It will be observed that the act of June 10, 1896, provided that applications should be made to the Commission within three months after the passage of the act, and that the Commission should decide all such applications within ninety days after they were made; that the rolls of citizenship of the several tribes as then existing were confirmed, and "any person who shall claim to be entitled to be added to said rolls as a citizen of either of said tribes and whose right thereto has either been denied or not acted upon, or any citizen who may within three months after the passage of this Act desire such citizenship, may apply to the legally constituted court or committee designated by the several tribes for such citizenship, and such court or committee shall determine such application within thirty days from the date thereof:" and that "if the tribe, or any person be aggrieved with the decision of the tribal authorities or the Commission provided for in this Act, it or he may appeal from such decision to the United States District Court: Provided, however, That the appeal shall be taken within sixty days, and the judgment of the court shall be final.

As I read this Act, it authorized application to be made either to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes or the "legally constituted court or committee" of such tribes, with a

right of appeal by the party aggrieved by the decision of either to the United States court. Therefore, and in view also of the fact that the act contemplated contemporaneous action by the Commission and the tribal courts, I think it clear that the provision that "any person who shall claim to be entitled to be added to said rolls (the existing rolls of the tribe) as a citizen of either of said tribes whose right thereto has either been denied or not acted upon, "had reference to a previous denial or failure to act of the tribal authorities, and not to the subsequent action or non-action of the Commission, the tense of the verbs-"has either been denied or not acted upon", not "shall be denied or not acted upon"-indicating that past action or non-action was referred to. Prior to the passage of this act the Commission had no jurisdiction of these citizenship matters.

When, therefore, as here, the claimant had applied to the Commission to be admitted and enrolled, and his application denied, his only remedy, under the act in question, lay in an appeal to the United States court. It is true Thompson claims to have received no notice of the denial of his application by the Commission, but that is not a valid excuse.

But aside from this question of jurisdiction in the Choctaw Nation to admit persons to citizenship who had been denied by the Commission, it appears that the Nation never undertook to authorize the admission or enrollment of these parties, and that, in any aspect of the case, they were enrolled without authority of law and their names should, in pursuance of the mandate in the

act of Congress of June 28, 1898, be eliminated from the tribal rolls.

The Choctaw Nation does not appear to have proceeded under the authority of the act of Congress of June 10, 1896, authorizing the establishment by the several tribes of a court or committee for the purpose of passing upon applications for citizenship as provided therein. It was not until September 18, 1896, ten days after the expiration of the period in which applications for citizenship were to be submitted to the "legally constituted court or committee" of the tribes under the act of June 10, 1896, that the Choctaw Council passed the act above referred to. That act provided for the appointment of census commissioners in each county, with authority "to enroll all recognised citizens of the Choctaw Nation by blood, intermarriage and adoption who are recognised as citizens of the Choctaw Nation under the treaties, constitution and law of the said nation." It further provided that "the rolls when completed by said commissioners shall be certified to by said commissioners and delivered to the Principal chief of the Choctaw Nation on or before the twentieth day of October, 1896, to be revised and approved by the next General Council of the Choctaw Nation."

It is manifest that this act conferred no power upon such commissioners to admit any person to citizenship, but only to enroll "recognised citizens." Yet in virtue thereof one of the

county committees assumed to pass upon a petition prepared by Thompson's attorney, under date of August 1, 1896, and addressed to the General Council of the Choctaw Nation, "at its regular session October 1896," praying that "all rights, privileges and immunities of the Choctaw Nation" be granted to himself, his wife, family and certain other relatives," and they be enrolled with the legal citizenship of said Nation."

This petition does not appear ever to have been presented to the Choctaw Council or referred by any competent authority to the committee which assumed to pass upon it. Upon its back is the following endorsement:

> William C. Thompson together with the names appearing on the face of the within application, lineal descendants of Margaret McCoy are hereby recognised and admitted to the citizenship of the Choctaw Nation or Tribe of Indians, by the legally constituted Choctaw Census Commission duly assembled at Kiowa, I. T. this the 8th day of October, 1896, upon the testimony of Henry Perkins, Mrs. Lavinia Franklin, they being enrolled Choctaw Indians by blood. The within names parties not being present were passed for further enrollment.
>
> A. G. Folsom,
> Secretary of Census Committee.

This was a manifest attempt to exercise an authority not delegated to the committee.

On October 30, 1896, the Choctaw Council, at its regular session, passed an act creating three commissions, one from each District, one member of each of which to be designated as "Chief Commissioner", "to make a complete roll of the citizens of the Choctaw Nation." By that act it was made the duty of said com-

missions "to examine the rolls made by the commissions under the act of September 18, 1896, and also to expunge from said rolls of September 18, 1896, the names of all persons whom they shall adjudge not to be citizens." It was further provided:

> The Commission shall enroll as citizens all who come under any of the following heads, and all such persons are hereby declared citizens of the Choctaw Nation:
> I. All Choctaws by blood born and raised in the Choctaw Nation.
> II. All Choctaws by blood who have been admitted to citizenship by the General Council and now residents of the Nation.
> x x x x x x.

It was provided that "at the expiration of the time allowed the commissions in each District, the Chief Commissioner shall meet at Tushka Homma at their earliest convenience and not later than the first Monday in December 1896, and shall revise the Rolls made by their respective District Commissions during the succeeding ten days after they meet". The Chief Commissioners were authorized to "enroll the name of any citizen who for any good cause failed to appear before the District Commissions". It was further provided that "the Roll as completed and signed by the Chief Commissioners, when approved by the Principal Chief, shall be the legal and authorized Roll of citizens of the Choctaw Nation.

These parties were enrolled by the revisory board, but that their enrollment was unauthorized is clear. The act just referred to only authorized the enrollment of Choctaws by blood who were

"born and raised" in the Choctaw Nation or had "been admitted to citizenship by the General Council." The applicants possessed neither of these qualifications. According to his own statement, William C. Thompson wa s not raised in the Choctaw Nation, having been taken to Mississippi shortly after his birth, and returning only once during his boyhood for about a year. It is further stated that he remained in Mississippi until the war, when he went to Texas, not returning again to the Choctaw Nation until 1887. He had never been "admitted to citizenship by the General Council". His wife and children could claim no greater rights than he possessed. The other applicants named in his petition were descendants of his brother, who was born in Mississippi and whose record appears to be otherwise about the same as William C. Thompson's.

Moreover, it appears from the opinion of the Assistant Attorney General for the Interior Department of March 24, 1905, in the case of Mary Elizabeth Martin, that on July 17, 1897, the Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation advised the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes that he had refused to approve the last revised roll made in accordance with the act of October 30, 1896, because he was satisfied there were some names thereon "that have been registered through fraud or misrepresentation." As such approval was necessary in order to make the roll so prepared "the legal and authorized roll of citizens of the Choctaw Nation," it

would seem that in no aspect of the case could these parties be said to be lawfully admitted and enrolled.

It further appears that these applicants, or some of them, including William C. Thompson, applied in 1900 to the Commission for the Five Civilized Tribes for identification as Mississippi Choctaws under the following provision of section 21 of the act of June 28, 1898:

> Said commission shall have authority to determine the identity of Choctaw Indians claiming rights in the Choctaw lands under article fourteen of the treaty between the United States and the Choctaw Nation concluded September twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and thirty, and to that end they may administer oaths, examine witnesses, and prepare all other acts necessary thereto and make report to the Secretary of the Interior.

Article 14 of the treaty of September 27, 1830, provided:

> ARTICLE XIV. Each head of a family being desirous to remain and become a citizen of the States shall be permitted to do so, by signifying his intention to the Agent within six months from the ratification of this Treaty, and he or she shall thereupon be entitled to a reservation of one section of six hundred and forty acres of land, to be bounded by sectional lines of survey; in like manner shall be entitled to one half that quantity for each unmarried child which is living with him over ten years of age; and a quarter section to such child as may be under 10 years of age, to adjoin the location of the parent. If they reside upon said lands intending to become citizens of the States for five years after the ratification of this Treaty, in that case a grant in fee simple shall issue; said reservation shall include the present improvement of the head of the family, or a portion of it. Persons who claim under this article shall not lose the privilege of a Choctaw citizen, but if they ever remove are not to be entitled to any portion of the Choctaw annuity.

The only evidence adduced in any way tending to show a compliance with the terms of this article were statements to the ef-

feet that William C. Thompson's grandfather applied for land under the treaty of 1830 but was refused by the Indian agent. Congress, however, by the acts of March 3, 1837, and August 23, 1842, (5 Stat.180, 513), appointed Commissioners for the purpose of adjusting claims of this kind, and there was no evidence to the effect that the ancestors of the claimants had endeavored to comply with the provisions of those acts, or received patents or certificates for land as therein provided for. The Commission properly held, therefore, that it was impossible to identify the applicants as Mississippi Choctaws.

Upon the whole case, it seems to me clear that these applicants, and those claiming intermarried rights with them, should be denied enrollment.

The other cases consolidated with this are of a similar nature, and under the views above stated the parties referred to therein are, in my judgment, not entitled to be enrolled.

b. The Case of Richard B. Coleman et al.

The enrollment of the parties referred to in this case depends upon the effect to be given to the following act of the General Council of the Choctaw Nation passed November 8, 1889:

> An Act to establish the citizenship of R. B. Coleman, his wife and their children.
> Sec.1. Be it enacted by the General Council of the Choctaw Nation Assembled, That Richard Benjamin Coleman, and their children as follows. Richard St.Clair, age 15 years, Ida

Clay, age 13, Bennetta, age 11, Nettie Withers, age 9, Henry Alen, age 6, Willie Norma Coleman, age 4 years, are hereby admitted to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation with its rights, privileges, and immunities, and that this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

It is contended that this act was procured by fraud and bribery, and that, therefore, the names of Coleman and his family should be eliminated from the tribal rolls upon which they appear, under the act of Congress of June 28, 1898, which provides:

> Said Commission is authorized and directed to make correct rolls of citizens by blood of all the other tribes, eliminating from the tribal rolls such names as may have been placed thereon by fraud or without authority of law, enrolling such only as may have lawful right thereto x x x.

The Commission held that they had no authority to go behind the act of the Choctaw Council referred to, but in an informal opinion rendered you December 7, 1904, Acting Attorney General Day, after quoting the above provision, said:

> It appears to me the above quoted provisions of the statute impose upon the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes the duty and gave it the power to determine whether any name appearing upon a tribal roll was placed there by fraud or without authority of law, and that the mere fact that such enrollment was by virtue of an act of the National Council is not sufficient to preclude an inquiry. An act of the Council should be treated with respect as prima facie valid and efficacious, and nothing done as the result thereof should be lightly set aside; but if it <u>clearly</u> appears that the act was procured by deliberate fraud and perjury I do not think that Congress intended that benefits thereunder should be enjoyed.

Mr. Day did not pass upon the facts of the case. Subsequently, the Assistant Attorney General for the Interior Department, upon a consideration of the record, held that it did not

clearly appear therefrom that the act in question had been fraudulently procured.

In my judgment the record in this case clearly shows deliberate fraud on the part of Richard B. Coleman in procuring the passage of the act admitting him to citizenship. It appears that Coleman came into the Choctaw Nation about 1880. In 1887 he made application to the citizenship committee of the Choctaw Council for admission as a citizen by blood, representing by himself and witnesses he brought before the committee that his father was a Choctaw boy named Frank Coleman, the son of a John Coleman and Chapoonia, a full blood Choctaw, who had lived in Mississippi with his parents prior to the migration in 1830. The boy Frank it was testified, had been sent to Kentucky to school and nothing afterwards heard of him.

The testimony adduced on behalf of the Nation before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes shows that the father of Coleman was Francis S. Coleman, a son of a Francis Coleman who was born and raised in Orange County, Virginia, and was not a Choctaw. This testimony was given in the form of a deposition by Mrs. Harriet Henry, a sister of Francis S. Coleman, and R. L. Coleman a nephew, residing at Columbia, Missiouri. The identity of Francis S. Coleman with the father of the applicant appears from the fact, testified to by the applicant as well as the two witnesses just referred to, that he married Ann Elizabeth Bedford, the daughter of

John Bedford, in Kentucky, and the testimony of all parties that Francis S. Coleman went to Denton, Texas, and died there. Although duly advised as to the intention of the attorneys for the Choctaw Nation to take this testimony, no effort was made by Coleman or his attorney to file cross interrogatories or in any way rebut it, but they confined themselves to an endeavor to have the testimony stricken from the records as not having been taken in accordance with law. The authority of the Commission to take the testimony in this way is clear, under the act of June 28, 1898 (30 Stat. 495), which provides:

> Said commission shall make such rolls descriptive of the persons thereon, so that they may be thereby identified, and it is authorized to take a census of each of said tribes, or to adopt any other means by them deemed necessary to enable them to make such rolls.

This testimony was further enforced by another deposition of said R. L. Coleman, taken by Commissioner Tams Bixby, in which R. L. Coleman stated further that he knew the applicant Richard B. Coleman, that he was his cousin. A motion was likewise made to strike this testimony from the record, because taken without notice to the applicant, but it was overruled by the Commission, who held that under the authority of the above act they could take such measures as they deemed necessary to satisfy themselves as to the justice of the applicant's claim. I do not think it is shown that they abused their discretion in this matter.

It appears that the application of Richard B. Coleman to be enrolled as a citizen by blood of the Nation, upon the grounds above stated, was passed over by the citizenship committee of the Council in 1887; taken up again in 1888 and a bill of rejectment passed by the committee or the Council; renewed at the session of 1889, and a bill of admission intriduced into the House of Representatives which was rejected, and then a new bill introduced and enacted into the law above quoted.

I think it sufficiently appears from the testimony in this case, particularly that given by and on behalf of the applicant himself, that the Council in admitting him and his family to citizenship did so upon the strength of the testimony adduced by him before the Committee on Citizenship that he was a Choctaw by blood, descended as he represented. It is to be observed that he and his family all claim that he was admitted as a Choctaw by blood.

Some testimony was introduced for the purpose of showing that Coleman had bribed one Roebuck, the member of the Council who introduced the second bill, but the evidence on that point is not sufficient to establish the fact.

In October, 1898, the General Council of the Choctaw Nation passed an act repealing the act of November 8, 1889, admitting Coleman and his family to citizenship. This act was, however, disapproved by President McKinley, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the Interior, under the authority of the act of Congress of June 28, 1898, which required the approval of the President to all acts of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations in any

manner affecting the lands of the tribes.

Although this act was thus invalidated, it may fairly be taken to indicate the sense of the Nation at that time that Coleman was improperly admitted. The reason for its disapproval does not appear, but it might reasonably have been rejected on the ground that by the act of June 28, 1898, the work of making up the rolls of citizenship and eliminating therefrom those placed thereon by fraud was committed entirely to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

It is to be observed that Commissioner Pixby, who was the only Commissioner who considered this case on its merits, was "clearly of the opinion from such evidence as has been presented to this Commission that the evidence presented to and acted upon by the Citizenship Committee of the Choctaw General Council, which passed upon the petition of these applicants, and upon which evidence their admission to Choctaw Citizenship was based, was fraudulent, false and misleading."

In my opinion, these parties should be stricken from the rolls.

6. The Case of Ethel Pierson.

This case presents the question of your authority to enroll the children of Choctaw freedmen who were minors living March 4, 1906. The decision of this question turns upon the construction to be given to sections of the Act of April 26, 1906 (34 Stat.

137), as amended by the act of June 21, 1906 (34 Stat. 342).

The act referred to originally provided:

Sec. 2. That for ninety days after approval hereof applications shall be received for enrollment of children who were minors living March fourth, nineteen hundred and six, whose parents have been enrolled as members of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, or Creek tribes, or have applications for enrollment pending at the approval hereof, and for the purpose of enrollment under this section illegitimate children shall take the status of the mother, and allotments shall be made to children so enrolled. If any citizen of the Cherokee tribe shall fail to receive the full quantity of land to which he is entitled as an allotment, he shall be paid out of any of the funds of such tribe a sum equal to twice the appraised value of the amount of land thus deficient. The provisions of section nine of the Creek agreement ratified by Act approved March first, nineteen hundred and one, authorizing the use of funds of the Creek tribe for equalizing allotments, are hereby restored and reenacted, and after the expiration of nine months from the date of the original selection of an allotment of land in the Choctaw Chickasaw, Cherokee, Creek, or Seminole tribes, and after the expiration of six months from the passage of this Act as to allotments heretofore made, no contest shall be instituted against such allotment: Provided, That the rolls of the tribes affected by this Act shall be fully completed on or before the fourth day of March, nineteen hundred and seven, and the Secretary of the Interior shall have no jurisdiction to approve the enrollment of any person after said date: Provided further, That nothing herein shall be construed so as to hereafter permit any person to file an application for enrollment in any tribe where the date for filing application has been fixed by agreement between said tribe and the United States: Provided, That nothing herein shall apply to the intermarried whites in the Cherokee Nation, whose cases are now pending in the Supreme Court of the United States.

The amendatory act provided,(34 Stat. 341-2):

That section two of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the final disposition of the affairs of the Five Civilized Tribes in the Indian Territory, and for other purposes," approved April twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and six, be,

and the same is hereby, amended by striking out thereof the words "Provided further, That nothing herein shall be construed so as to hereafter permit any person to file an application for enrollment in any tribe where the date for filing application has been fixed by agreement between said tribe and the United States: Provided further, That nothing herein shall apply to the intermarried whites in the Cherokee Nation whose cases are now pending in the Supreme Court of the United States." And insert in said Act in lieu of the matter repealed, the following: Provided further, That nothing herein shall be construed so as hereafter to permit any person to file an application for enrollment or to be entitled to enrollment in any of said tribes, except for minors the children of Indians by blood, or of freedmen members of said tribes, or of Mississippi Choctaws identified under the fourteenth article of the treaty of eighteen hundred and thirty, as herein otherwise provided, and the fact that the name of a person appears on the tribal roll of any of said tribes shall not be construed to be an application for enrollment.

In the agreement with the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nation ratified by the act of July 1, 1902 (32 Stat.641), it was provided (paragraphs 1 and 3) that the word "member" or "members" and "citizen" or "citizens", "whenever used in this agreement", shall be held to mean members or citizens of the Choctaw or Chickasaw tribe of Indians in Indian Territory, not including freedmen."

The Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes in passing upon this case held that, in view of the above definition, the act of April 26, 1906, as amended, was not intended to apply to the children of freedmen in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, but only to those of the Cherokee and Creek Nations.

There would be some force in the argument that minors, the children of freedmen members of the Choctaw Nation were not in-

cluded in the act of April 26, 1906, if it were not for the proviso substituted by the amendatory act of June 21, 1906. That proviso was, as the Commissioner said, "in the nature of a construction by Congress of the meaning intended to be conveyed by the section as originally enacted." It says, in so many words, that minors the children of freedmen members of said tribes (referring to all of the tribes, which are separately named in the preceding part of section 2, among them the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes) may be enrolled. This definition settles the doubt that otherwise might have arisen as to the children of freedmen members of said tribes, as well as the children of Mississippi Choctaws. If, therefore, the Choctaw freedmen are members of said nation, the right of their children to be enrolled cannot be questioned.

The Choctaw freedmen were adopted by an act of the General Council of the Nation approved May 21, 1883, entitled "An Act to adopt the freedmen of the Choctaw Nation", which provided (Report of Commissioner of Indian Affairs, 1884, p.XLV):

> Whereas by the third and fourth articles of the treaty between the United States and the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, concluded April 28, 1866, provision was made for the adoption of laws, rules, and regulations necessary to give all persons of African descent resident in said nation at the date of the treaty of Fort Smith, September 13, 1865, and their descendants, formerly held in slavery among said nations, all the rights, privileges, and immunities, including

the right of suffrage, of citizens of said nations, except in the annuities, moneys, and public domain claimed by or belonging to said nations respectively; and also to give to such persons who were residents as aforesaid, and their descendants, 40 acres each of the lands of said nations on the same terms as Choctaws and Chickasaws, to be selected on the survey of said lands; until which said freedmen shall be entitled to as much land as they may cultivate for the support of themselves and families; and

Whereas the Choctaw Nation adopted legislation in the form of a memorial to the United States Government in regard to adopting freedmen to be citizens of the Choctaw Nation, which was approved by the principal chief November 2, 1880, setting forth the status of said freedmen and the inability of the Choctaw Nation to prevail upon the Chickasaws to adopt any joint plan for adopting said freedmen, and notifying the United States Government of their willingness to accept said freedmen as citizens of the Choctaw Nation in accordance with the third and fourth articles of the treaty of 1865 as a basis; and

Whereas a resolution was passed and approved November 5, 1880, authorizing the principal chief to submit the aforesaid proposition of the Choctaw Nation to adopt their freedmen to the United States Government; and

Whereas a resolution was passed and approved November 6, 1880, to provide for the registration of freedmen in the Choctaw Nation, authorizing the principal chief to appoint three competent persons in each district, citizens of the nation, whose duty it shall be to register all freedmen referred to in said third article of the treaty of 1866 who desire to become citizens of the nation in accordance with said treaty, and upon proper notification that the Government of the United States had acted favorably upon the proposition to adopt the freedmen as citizens, to issue his proclamation notifying all such freedmen as desire to become citizens of the Choctaw Nation to appear before said commissioner for identification and registration; and--

Whereas in the Indian appropriation act of Congress May 17, 1882, it is provided that either of said tribes may adopt and provide for the freedom in said tribe in accordance with said third article: Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the general council of the Choctaw Nation, That all persons of African descent residents in the Choctaw Nation at the date of the treaty of Fort Smith, September 13, 1865, and their descendants, formerly held in slavery by the Choctaws or Chickasaws, are hereby declared

to be entitled to, and invested with all the rights, privileges, and immunities, including all the right of suffrage, of citizens of the Choctaw Nation, except in the annuities, moneys and the public domain of the nation.

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Sec.3. Be it further enacted, That all said persons are hereby declared to be entitled to forty acres each of the lands of the nation, to be selected and held by them under the same title and upon the same terms as the Choctaws.

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It appears that this act was accepted by the Secretary of the Interior on behalf of the United States as a substantial compliance with the terms of the treaty of 1866, and the moneys authorized to be paid by that treaty upon a compliance therewith were turned over to the Nation.

I am of opinion, therefore, that the Assistant Attorney General for the Interior Department was right in his conclusion that minors, the children of Choctaw freedmen living March 4, 1906, are entitled to be enrolled.

This disposes of the papers last submitted. The papers therein are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Attorney General.

Choc. M. Fr. 2

Cleo Butler

Francis Butler

M. Fr. 2

MINOR 2

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Cleo.Butler

Francis Butler

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

NEW-BORN AFFIDAVIT.

Number.....

Choctaw Enrolling Commission

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, of Clas Butler (Name of Child.)

born on the 14 day of July 1904.

Name of father W H Butler a citizen of Choctaw Nation.

Nation final; enrollment No 2266

Name of mother Molsie Butler a citizen of Choctaw Nation

Nation; final enrollment No 4801

Postoffice Boggy Depot I T

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central DISTRICT

I Molsie Buttler, on oath state that I am 26 years of age and a citizen by Adoption of the Choctaw Nation, and as such have been placed upon the final roll of the Choctaw Nation, by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior my final enrollment number being 4801; that I am the lawful wife of W H Butler, who is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and as such has been placed upon the final roll of said Nation by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, his final enrollment number being 2266 and that a Female (Male or Female.) child was born to me on the 14 day of July 1904; that said child has been named Clas Butler, and is now living.

WITNESSETH: Molsie Butler

Must be two Witnesses who are Citizens. Rene Ford

Her
Annie X James
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of January 1905

Stephen C Harrington
Notary Public.

My commission expires Feb 28 1906

N. B. 2

IN THE MATTER OF THE BIRTH

OF Cleo Butler

CHOCTAW COMMISSION NO. 1

N. B. 2.
17-1083

APR 26 1906
APR 25 1906

Affidavit of Attending Physician or Midwife.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central DISTRICT.

I, Liggie Cobb a Midwife

on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Mollie Butler,

wife of W. H. Butler, on the 14 day of

July, 1904, that there was born to her on said date a

Female child, that said child is now living, and is said to have
Male or Female.

been named Ed Butler.

Her
Liggie X Cobb M D.
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 17 day of January 1905.

Stephen C Hinnegarn
Notary Public.

WITNESSETH:

Must be two witnesses who are citizens and know the child.
Reuben Fisher
Her
Annie X James
mark

We hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Liggie Cobb,

a Midwife and know to be reputable and of good

standing in the community

Must be two citizen witnesses.
Reuben Fisher
Her
Annie X James
mark

Choctaw
No 2

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906

M Clio Butler

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved JAN 25 1907 190

Commissioner.

JAN 25 1907

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Original application rec'd April 26. 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1905

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Cleis Butler [Here insert name of child], born on the 14 day of July 1904

Name of Father William H Butler, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother Molsie Butler, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Choctaw Nation. Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw Nation

Postoffice Boggy Depot

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, } Central District.

I, Molsie Butler, on oath state that I am Thirty Eight years of age and a citizen by Blood, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of William H Butler, who is a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Female child was [Male or Female] born to me on 14 day of July 1904; that said child has been named Cleis Butler, and was living March 4, 1906.

Molsie Butler

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be two Witnesses] { Richard Eastman
Annie Her X James
mark }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of July 1906.

S C Hitchcock
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, } Central District.

I, Lizzie Cobb, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Molsie Butler, wife of William H Butler on the 14 day of July, 1904 that there was born to her on said date a Female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Cleis Butler

Lizzie Her X Cobb
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be two Witnesses] { Richard Eastman
Annie Her X James
mark }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of July, 1906.

S C Hitchcock
Notary Public.

Before the Commission to the Five Tribes, Muskogee, I.T.
In re Application for enrollment of Francis Butler as a freedman
Citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

AFFIDAVIT.

William H.Butler being first duly sworn on oath states that he is the person named as father in the hereto attached application for the enrollment of Francis Butler as a freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

That he went in company with other members of his family to the Choctaw Land office at Atoka, I.T., to see about and make application final and proof for the enrollment of two late born children one named Francis Butler and one namedCleo Butler, that they heard proof as to Clio Butler at the land office at that time being the 31st day of December 1906., And subsequently on January 19th 07., the Commissioner to the Five Tribes addressed me the attached letter to Boggy Depot, I.T., I have not been recieving my mail at that Post Office for several ~~months~~ months, and did not finally recieve the attached letter until in February 1907.

Immediately thereafter I brought my folks to Wapanucka, I.T. and made the attached proof.

W.H. Butler

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 16th ~~day~~ of Feb 1907.

W. Lubbard

My commission expires Feby 7th 1909. Notary Public.

My Post Office Will be at Wapanucka
I.T.

Commissioner.

17-1083

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 21, 1907.

William H. Butler,

Boggy Depot, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Molsie Butler and Lizzie Cobb to the birth of Francis Butler, child of William H. and Molsie Butler, April 7, 1906.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Francis Butler

as a ~~citizen~~ freedman of

Choctaw **Nation.**

Approved ..... **190**...

..... **Commissioner.**

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

It appearing from the within affidavits that the applicant, Francis Butler, was born subsequent to March 4, 1906, I am of the opinion that under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), I am without authority to receive, consider or make any record of any application for the enrollment of Francis Butler as a Choctaw freedman and therefore I should decline to receive the same, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Francis Butler [Here insert name of child], born on the 7th day of April 1906.

Name of Father: William H Butler freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Molsie Butler freedman a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father 2266 Tribal enrollment of mother 4801

Postoffice Buggy Depot I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Molsie Butler on oath state that I am 39 years of age and a citizen by freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of William H [redacted] tler, who is a citizen, by freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 7th day of April 1906; that said child has been named Francis Butler and is now living

Molsie Butler

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of Feby 1907.

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Lizzie Cobb, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Molsie Butler, wife of William H Butler on the 7th day of April 1906; that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female] child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Francis Butler

her
Lizzie x Cobb
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of Feby 1907.

Notary Public.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 24, 1906.

William H. Butler,

Boggy Depot, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There have been received at this office affidavits of Molsie Butler and Lizzie Cobb to the birth of Cleio Butler, child of William H. and Molsie Butler, July 14, 1904.

You will be notified of such action as is taken relative to the affidavits to the birth of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:
17-1083.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 19, 1907.

Nolsie Butler,

Boggy Depot, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

It appears from the records of this office that on June 26, 1906, there was filed with the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes a petition praying for the transfer of the name, among others, of your minor child, Francis Butler, from the roll of Choctaw freedmen to the roll of citizens by blood of the Choctaw Nation, but there was no proof of birth filed for your said minor child.

In order that the rights of your said minor child, Francis Butler may be properly determined as a Choctaw freedman you are advised that it will be necessary for you to furnish this office with proof of birth for said child and in order to assist you in this matter there is inclosed herewith blank proof of birth which you should have properly executed and return to this office not later than January 28, 1907.

This matter should receive your prompt attention and your neglect or failure to furnish the required proof may deprive

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your child of such rights to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman as such child may have.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

B. C. Env.

RETURN PENALTY ENVELOPE.

This envelope can only be used for reply to official communications. The address MUST NOT be changed.

Department of the Interior.
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,
MUSKOGEE, IND. TER.
OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
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THE COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,

MUSKOGEE,

IND. TER.

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Vero Wooten

M. Fr. 3

MINOR

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ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Vero Wooten

Declined to receive or consider Jan 26 1907
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Copy of Decision forwarded Attorneys for Choctaw and Chicasaw Nations. Jan 26 1907

Record Forwarded Department. Jan 26 1907

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

Action Approved by Secretary of Interior. Feb 28 1907

Notice of Departmental Action Forwarded Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. Apr 10 1907

Notice of Departmental Action forwarded Attorneys for Applicant. Apr 10 1907
Notice of Departmental Action Mailed to Applicant Apr 10 1907.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

.....Vera Wooden.....

as a citizen of

.....Choctaw Freedman... Nation.

Approved..... 190...

.....

Commissioner.

Jul 26 1906
N.B.#3

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS. APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Vero Wooden [Here insert name of child], born on the 30 day of May 1904

Name of Father: Jasrett a citizen of the U. S. Nation.

Name of Mother: Sallie Wooden a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father U. S. Tribal enrollment of mother Choct. Freeman

Postoffice Shawneetown I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Sallie Wooden, on oath state that I am 30 years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Jasrett Wooden, who is a citizen, by ..... of the U.S. Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 30 day of May 1904; that said child has been named Vero Wooden and was living March 4, 1906.

Sallie Wootten

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] Dolphus Butler
Alfred Shoals

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of July 1906.

(SEAL)

sam F Wright
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Fannie Roberson, a Mid-Wife, on oath state that I attended on Sallie Wooden, wife of Jasret Wooden, on the 30 day of May 1904; that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Vero Wooden

her
Fannie x Roberson
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] Dolphus Butler
Alfred Shoals

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of July 1906.

(SEAL)

sam F. Wright
Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,

CHOCTAW LAND OFFICE.

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ATOKA, INDIAN TERRITORY, DECEMBER 21, 1906.

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IN THE MATTER of the application for the enrollment of Vero Wootten as a Choctaw freedman.

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SALLIE WOOTTEN, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

By the Commissioner:

Q What is your name ? A Sallie Wootten.
Q What is your age ? A 30.
Q What is your post office address ? A Shawneetown.
Q Do you appear here to-day for the purpose of giving additional testimony in the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child Vero Wootten ? A Yes sir.
Q Are you the mother of Vero Wootten ? A Yes sir.
Q Is Vero Wootten living ? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of your father ? A John Stoakes.
Q Did he have an owner ? A No sir.
Q What was the name of your mother ? A Louise Gibson.
Q Did she have an owner ? A No sir.
Q Have you some children for whom you have selected allotments ? A I filed for all of them but the baby.
Q What are the names of your children that you have filed for ? A Beatrice Wootten, Prentis Wootten and Everett R. Wootten.

The name of Sallie Wootten appears opposite No. 4615 upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen, and on Choctaw freedmen field card No. 1387 at No. 1 thereon.

Q What is the name of the father of Vero Wootten ? A Garrett Wootten.
Q Is he a freedman or a citizen of the Choctaw Nation ? A Non-citizen.
Q There was received at the office of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes on July 26, 1906, an application for the enrollment of Vera Wooden as a Choctaw freedman, and the affidavits of Sallie Wotten, the mother of said child, and Fannie Roberson, the mid-wife who was in attendance on the date of the birth of said child, which affidavits were executed on the 24th day of July, 1906, before Sam L. Wright, a notary public: were you present when these affidavits were made ? A Yes sir.

Q Where were they made ? A At my house.
Q Near what post office is your residence located ? A Shawneetown.
Q How far from Shawneetown ? A About one and a half miles.
Q Did the notary go to your house to make out these affidavits ? A Yes sir.
Q What did you do with the affidavits ? A Give them to him.
Q What did he tell you he would do with them ? A He said he was going to send them off that day.
Q Did you understand that he was to send them immediately to the Commissioner at Muskogee ? A Yes sir, somewhere; he was to send them that day.
Q That is all you know about these affidavits ? A Yes sir.
Q Did you make another application for the enrollment of this cohild ? A No sir, not after Mr. Wright.
Q Did you ever make an affidavit before seeing Mr. Wright ? A Yes sir, before Fletcher Morris.
Q Where was that ? A At Shawneetown store.
Q When was that ? A 15th of December, 1905.
Q Did you make out an affidavit before this Fletcher Morris on the 15th day of December, 1905, in the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child Vero Wootten ? A Yes sir.
Q What did you do with that affidavit ? A He kept it.
Q Do you know what he did with them ? A No sir; he said he was going to send them off.
Q You are positive that you made an application for the enrollment of this child, Vero Wootten, on the 15th day of December, 1905 ? A Yes sir.
Q Where was it ? A Shawneetown store.

(Witness excused)

Wm. L. Martin, stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, on oath states that he recorded the testimony in this cause, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Wm L Martin

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 22 day of December, 1906.

W. N. Thorne
Notary Public.

17-NB-3.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the alleged application for the enrollment of Vero Wootten as a Choctaw freedman.

It appears from the record herein that on July 26, 1906, there was received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes written application for the enrollment of Vero Wootten as a Choctaw freedman.

On December 21, 1906, Sallie Wootten, the mother of the applicant, appeared before the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Atoka, Indian Territory, and gave testimony for the purpose of showing whether or not application had been made for the enrollment of said applicant as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137).

On said date Sallie Wootten testified that on December 15, 1905, she executed an affidavit for the purpose of making an application for the enrollment of the applicant before Fletcher Morris, who said that he would forward the same to this office; and that the proof of birth (which was received at this office on July 26, 1906) was executed on July 24, 1906, at Shawneetown, Indian Territory, before R. M. Tanner, a Notary Public, who promised to forward the same on the same day to this office.

It does not appear from the records of this office that any application of any nature whatsoever had been made for the enrollment of said applicant as a Choctaw freedman prior to the proof of birth received July 26, 1906.

I am of the opinion that the evidence fails to establish that any application was made for the enrollment of Vero Wootten as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), and that, therefore, I am without authority to receive or consider or make any record of any application for her enrollment as such and that I should decline to receive or consider the same, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,
JAN 26 1907

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 26, 1907.

Jarrett Wooten,

Shawneetown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered January 26, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Vero Wootten as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.

Incl. 17-M B-3.

17-N B-3

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 26, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered January 26, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Vero Wootten as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Incl. 17-N B-3

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 26, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior;

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Vero Wootten as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated January 26, 1907 declining to receive or consider said application.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

2 Incl. 17-MB-3.

Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

J.P.

O.K.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON.

I.T.D.
4902,4966,5000,5010-1907.
5018,5022,5102,5138,1907.
5140,5142,5174,5180-1907.

February 28, 1907.

LMS.

DIRECT.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Your decisions in the following Choctaw citizenship cases adverse to the applicants are hereby affirmed. Copies of Indian Office letters submitting your reports and recommending that the decisions be affirmed are inclosed:

Title of Case.	Date of Your Letter of Transmittal.
Agnes May Mills,	November 27, 1906.
Sarah Bailiff (Freedman)	January 18, 1907.
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Maggie Francis Carroll,	January 16, 1907.
Minnie Lee Morgan,	February 7, 1907.
Robert Nelson, (Johnson?)	January 26, 1907.

A copy hereof and all the papers in the above mentioned cases have been sent to the Indian Office.

Respectfully,

Jesse E. Wilson
Assistant Secretary.

12 inc. and 24 inc.
for Ind. Of.

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3-1-07.

D. C. 12433
Land.
9968-1907.

COPY

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON. February 25, 1907

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior,

Sir:

I have the honor to invite your attention to the enclosed record of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes in the matter of the alleged application for the enrollment of Vero Wooten as a Choctaw freedman.

Commissioner Bixby reports that on July 6, 1906, there was received in his office a written application for the enrollment of the applicant as a Choctaw freedman; that on December 21, 1906, Sallie Wooten, the mother of the applicant, appeared before him at Atoka and gave testimony for the purpose of showing whether application has been made for enrollment of the applicant as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, (34 Stat. L., 137), that on the date mentioned she testified that on December 15, 1905, she executed an affidavit for the purpose of making an application for the enrollment of the petitioner before Fletcher Morris who said that he would forward it to the Commissioner's office, and that the proof of birth, which was received by the Commissioner on July

26, 1906, was executed on July 24, 1906, at Shawneetown, Indian Territory, before R. E. Tanner, a notary public, who promised to forward it on the same day, but that it does no appear from the records of the Commissioner that any application of any nature whatsoever had been made for the enrollment of the applicant as a Choctaw freedman prior to the receipt of the proof of birth on July 26, 1906. For this reason, on January 26, 1907, the Commissioner found that the evidence failed to establish that any application was made for the enrollment of the applicant within the time limited by the provisions of the act above mentioned, and that he was without authority to consider the application.

The report of the Commissioner shows that the application in this case was made too late for consideration under the law, and it is recommended that his decision adverse to the applicant be approved.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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17-W B-3.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 10,1907.

Jarrett Wooten,

Shawneetown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on February 28, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of January 26, 1907, declining to receive or consider the applicaiion for the enrollment of Vero Wooten as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

17-M B-3

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 10, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,
Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that on February 28, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of January 26, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Vera Wooten as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 27, 1906.

Jarret Wooden,

Shawneetown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir;

There have been received at this office affidavits of Sallie Wooden and Fannie Roberson to the birth of Viro Wooden child of Jarret and Sallie Wooden, May 30, 1904.

You will be notified of such action as is taken in regard to the affidavits to the birth of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-1307

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 1, 1906.

Sallie Wooden,

Wheetown, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

It appears from the records of the Commissioner that an application was received at this office on July 26, 1906, for the enrollment of your child, Viro Wooden as a Choctaw freedman.

You are advised that the time within which applications could be received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of minor children under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expired July 25, 1906.

It has recently been held by the Department that the minor children of Choctaw freedmen who were living on March 4, 1906, are entitled to enrollment provided application was made within the time prescribed by law, or prior to July 25, 1906.

If it is claimed that such an application was made for the enrollment of your above named child, prior to July 25, 1906, you should appear before the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka, Indian Territory, any time prior to January 1, 1907, for the purpose of presenting testimony relative to the submission of such application within the required time.

REspectfully,

Commissioner.

17-1387

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 17, 1906.

Sallie Wootten,

Shawneetown, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 7, 1906, in which you refer to office letter of December 1, 1906, stating that the application for the enrollment of your child Vera Wootten was received July 26, 1906, and you ask if this will "count her out".

In reply to your letter you are advised that as you were heretofore notified if you claim that application was made for the enrollment of this child prior to July 25, 1906, you should appear at the Choctaw Land Office, Atoka, Indian Territory, at any time prior to January 1, 1907 for the purpose of presenting testimony relative to the submission of such an application.

The matter of the land referred to will be made the subject of a separate communication.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-FB-3

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 11, 1907.

Jarrett A. Wooten,

Shawneetown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of February 4, 1907, in which you state that application was made for the enrollment of your child Vera Wooten before July 25, 1906, and if it did not reach this office you should not have to bear the blame; you further state that your wife appeared before the land office and testified that the application was executed July 24, 1906, and you ask what action has been taken therein.

In reply to your letter you are advised that on January 26, 1907, the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered a decision declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Vera Wooten as a minor [redacted]taw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, and on the same day the record in this case was transmitted to the Department. You will be notified of such action as is taken therein by the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

J.P.

O.K.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

I.T.D. WASHINGTON.

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February 28, 1907.

LRS.
DIRECT.

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A copy hereof and all the papers in the above mentioned cases have been sent to the Indian Office.

Respectfully,
Jesse E. Wilson.
Assistant Secretary.

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COPY

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON. February 25, 1907

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior,

Sir:

I have the honor to invite your attention to the enclosed record of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes in the matter of the alleged application for the enrollment of Vero Wooten as a Choctaw freedman.

Commissioner Bixby reports that on July 6, 1906, there was received in his office a written application for the enrollment of the applicant as a Choctaw freedman; that on December 21, 1906, Sallie Wooten, the mother of the applicant, appeared before him at Atoka and gave testimony for the purpose of showing whether application has been made for enrollment of the applicant as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, (34 Stat. L., 137), that on the date mentioned she testified that on December 15, 1905, she executed an affidavit for the purpose of making an application for the enrollment of the petitioner before Fletcher Morris who said that he would forward it to the Commissioner's office, and that the proof of birth, which was received by the Commissioner on July

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The report of the Commissioner shows that the application in this case was made too late for consideration under the law, and it is recommended that his decision adverse to the applicant be approved.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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Choc. M. Fr. 4

George Chatman

M. Fr. 4

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ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

George Chatman

REFUSED Feb 21 1907
Copy of Decision Forwarded Applicant Feb 21 1907

Copy of Decision Forwared Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. Feb 21 1907

Record forwarded Department. Feb 21 1907
Action Approved by Secretary of Interior Mar 4 1907

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

Notice of Departmental action forwarded Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations Apr 13 1907

Notice of Departmental Action Mailed Applicant. Apr 13 1907

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IN RE
Application for Enrollment of
INFANT CHILD

George Shulman
Friedman

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved 190

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Commissioner.

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1-806 Apr 26/1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. Copy 217

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of George Chatman, born on the 30th day of August, 1902

(Here insert name of child.)

Name of Father: Parker Chatman a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Mary Chatman a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Postoffice Boswell Ind Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central DISTRICT.

I, Mary Chatman, on oath state that I am about 28 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ freedwoman of the ~~Choctaw~~, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Parker Chatman, who is a ~~citizen~~ freedman, by , of the Choctaw Nation; that a male (Male or Female.) child was born to me on 30th day of August, 1902 that said child has been named George Chatman, and was living ~~March 4, 1902~~ Sept 25.

her
Mary x Chatman
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) { J P Armstrong
Grachis Hoodenpyl

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of Jan, 1906.

Seal.

J P Armstrong
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central DISTRICT.

I, Nancy Chatman, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Mary Chatman, wife of Parker Chatman on the 30th day of Aug ~~Sept 25~~ 1902 that there was born to her on said date a male (Male or Female.) child; that said child was living ~~March 4, 1905~~, and is said to have been named George Chatman

her
Nancy x Chatman
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses) { J P Armstrong
Grachis Hoodenpyl

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of January, 1906.

Seal.

J P Armstrong
Notary Public.

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF
George [illegible] Holman
A CITIZEN OF THE
Choctaw Nation

Approved 190

Commissioner

Department of the Interior,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of George Chatman (Here insert name of deceased)

a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Boswell (Here insert name of post office) Ind. Ter., and died on the 30th day of September, 1902

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE

United States of America, Indian Territory
Central District }

I, Parker Chatman on oath state that I am 26 years of age and a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that my postoffice address is Boswell (Here insert name of postoffice) Ind Ter.; that I am father (State relationship: as the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) of George Chatman (Here insert name of deceased) who was a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation and that said George Chatman (Here insert name of deceased) died on the 30th day of September, 1902

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two Witnesses) }

Parker Chatman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of January, 1906

Seal.

J. P. Armstrong,
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE

United States of America, Indian Territory
Central District }

I, Mack Robinson, on oath state that I am 43 years of age, and a citizen by ... of the Choctaw Indian Nation; that my postoffice address is Boswell (Here insert name of postoffice), Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with George Chatman (Here insert name of deceased) who was a citizen, by freedman of the Choctaw Nation; and that said George Chatman (Here insert name of deceased) died on the 30th day of September, 1902

his
Mack + (Robinson)
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

J. P. Armstrong.

(Must Be Two Witnesses) } Grover Hoadenpyle

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of Jan 1906

Seal.

J. P. Armstrong
Notary Public.

17-NB-4 S.E.F.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of George Chatman as a Choctaw freedman.

-: D E C I S I O N :-

It appears from the record herein that on April 26, 1906, there was received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized tribes written application for the enrollment of George Chatman as a Choctaw freedman.

It further appears from the record herein and from the records of this office that said George Chatman was born August 30, 1902 and died September 30, 1902, and that he was the son of Parker Chatman whose name as Parker Chapman appears opposite No. 1757 upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 8, 1903 and Mary Chatman who is alleged to be a Choctaw freedman.

It does not appear from the record herein or from the records of this office that any application of any nature whatsoever was made for the enrollment of George Chatman as a Choctaw freedman prior to December 1, 1905.

Section two of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), provides:

> "That for ninety days after approval hereof applications shall be received for enrollment of children who were minors living March fourth, nineteen hundred and six, whose parents have been enrolled as members of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, or Creek tribes, or have applications for enrollment pending at the approval hereof, and for the purpose of enrollment under this section illegitimate children shall take the status of the mother, and allotments shall be made to children so enrolled".

I am of the opinion that the application for the enrollment of George Chatman as a Choctaw freedman should be denied under the provisions of the above Act, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

FEB 21 1907

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 21, 1907.

Parker Chatman,

Boswell, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 21, 1907, denying the application for the enrollment of George Chatman as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.
Incl. 17-MB-4.

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 21, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw & Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

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Respectfully,

SIGNED [illegible]

Commissioner.

Incl. 17-NB-4.

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 21, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of George Chatman as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 21, 1907, denying said application.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

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Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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D. C. 12853-1907. FHE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON. March 4, 1907.

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DIRECT.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Your decisions in the following Choctaw enrollment cases adverse to the applicants are hereby affirmed, viz:

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Cora Bailey (Freedman)	February 13, 1907.
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Copies of Indian Office letters submitting your reports and recommending that the decisions be approved, are inclosed.

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Respectfully,

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AFMc.
3-4-07.

E. A. Hitchcock,
Secretary.

Refer in reply to the following. --Copy--

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

LAND
19634-1907.
D. C. 12853

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON. March 1, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is forwarded herewith report of Commissioner Bixby, dated February 21, 1907, relative to the application for the enrollment of George Chatman as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner, dated February 21, 1907, denying the application.

The Office has examined the record in this case and finds the conclusions of the Commissioner to be correct, and his decision denying the application is recommended for approval.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

AJW-EH

17-NB-4.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 13, 1907.

Parker Chatman,

Boswell, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on March 4, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered February 21, 1907, denying the application for the enrollment of George Chatman as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rodgers.
Acting Commissioner.

17-MB-6.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 13, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

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Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rodgers.

Acting Commissioner.

17-806. Substitute

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 25, 1906.

Armstrong & Hunter,

Boswell, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 2, 1906, inclosing affidavits to the birth of George Chatman, child of Parker and Mary Chatman, on August 30, 1902, also affidavit to the death of said George Chatman on September 30, 1902.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it is stated in the affidavit to the birth of said child that Mary and Parker Chatman are both Choctaw freedmen, and this office has identified Parker Chapman, son of Charley and Nancy Chapman, as an enrolled Choctaw freedman, but the information contained therein is not sufficient to enable this office to identify Mary Chatman (Chapman) wife of Parker Chapman, as an applicant for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, neither does it appear from the records of this office that application has been made for the enrollment of George Chatman (Chapman) as a Choctaw freedman, prior to December 25, 1902.

If application has been made for the enrollment of George Chatman (Chapman) as a Choctaw freedman and you will state when and where the same was made, the name under which the

A. & M.--2.

mother, Mary Chatman, made application for enrollment, and any other information that will enable this office to identify her upon its records, the matter of your inquiry will receive further consideration.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

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R. A. Hitchcock,
Secretary.

Department of the Interior.
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,
MUSKOGEE, IND. TER.







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Parker Chatman,

Boswell, Indian Territory.

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Fred Bumpass

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ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Fred Bumpass

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ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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Choctaw Freedmen
(act April 26 1906)

Fred Bumpass

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Jan. 22 1907.

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ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Crenner Jones

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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CERTIFICATE OF RECORD OF MARRIAGE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY
SOUTHERN DISTRICT. } sct.

I, C. M. CAMPBELL, Clerk of the United States Court, in the Territory and District aforesaid DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that the License for and Certificate of Marriage of

Mr. J. F. Loud and

Miss Bindy Jamison

were filed in my office in said Territory and District the 6" day of May, A. D 1904 and duly recorded in Book 26 of Marriage Record, Page 184.

WITNESS my hand and Seal of said Court, at Ardmore, this 16" day of May A. D. 1904

C. M. Campbell

CLERK.

☞ Return this license to the United States Clerk at Ardmore, that it may be recorded, when it will be mailed to the proper address.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

FILED

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COMMISSIONER.

No person is authorized to perform the Marriage Ceremony in the Indian Territory unless the proper credentials have first been recorded in the Clerk's office.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

No. 754

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Southern District, } ss

To any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage, Greeting:

You are Hereby Commanded to solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between Mr. J J Jones of Wewoka in the Indian Territory, aged 40 years, and M Mary Brudyjameson of Wewoka in the Indian Territory, aged 25 years, according to law; and do you officially sign and return this license to the parties therein named.

Witness my hand and official Seal, this _____ day of May A. D. 1904

C. M. Daniels
Clerk of the United States Court.
By S J Jones Deputy

Certificate of Marriage.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Southern District. } ss

I, D. W. Hightowers _____ do hereby certify that on the 14 day of May, A. D. 1904 I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand this 14 day of May A. D. 1904

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court, Indian Territory, Southern District, at Ardmore, Book 2, Page 444

D. W. Hightower

NOTE (a)—This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory, at Ardmore, within sixty days from the date thereof, or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($100).

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Cremmie Jones

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved FEB 9 1907 190...

Commissioner.

Born Oct. 6, 1903

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED ...

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Cremer Jones [Here insert name of child], born on the 6th day of October 1903

Name of Father: John Jones a citizen of the U.S. Nation

Name of Mother: Dey Bardy Jones a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father No Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw Freedmen

Postoffice Womack. Ind. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Southern District. }

I, Dey Bardy Jones. on oath state that I am thirty-three years of age and a citizen by Blood of the Choctaw Freedmen Nation; that I am the lawful wife of John Jones who is a citizen, by Blood of the U.S. Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 6th day of October 1903; that said child has been named Cremer Jones and was living March 4, 1906.

her
Dey Bardy + Jones
mark.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Lavin Meder
C.H. Ragley

[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of May 1906.

myCom. Exp. 10-17-1908.

H.K. Green
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Southern District. }

I, Dallie Saunders a Midwife on oath state that I attended on Dey Bardy Jones, wife of John Jones on the 6th day of October 1903; that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Cremer Jones

her
Dallie + Saunders
mark.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Lavin Meder
C.H. Ragley

[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of May 1906.

myCom. Exp. 10-17-1908.

H.K. Green
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Cremmer Jones

as a citizen of

Chactaw Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Cremmer Jones [Here insert name of child] born on the 6th day of October, 1903

Name of Father: John Jones a citizen of the U. S. Nation.

Name of Mother Icy Bandy Jones a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother Choc. Fr'd. #2510

Postoffice Womack, I. Ty.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Southern District. }

I, Icy Bandy Jones, on oath state that I am 34 years of age and a [redacted] by Freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of John Jones, who is a citizen, by [redacted], of the U. S. Nation; that a female child was born to me on 6th day of October 1903; that said child has been named Cremmer Jones and was living March 4, 1906.

her
Icy Bandy + Jones
mark

Andrew J. Gardenhire

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] W. C. Kelly
Andrew Jordenaire

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of January 1906.

Andrew Jordenaire
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Southern District. }

I, Sallie Sanders, a mid-wife, on oath state that I attended on Icy Bandy Jones, wife of John Jones on the 6th day of Oct 1903; that there was born to her on said date a female child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Cremmer Jones

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Sallie + Sanders
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Andrew J. Gardenhire

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] W. C. Kelly
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of Jany 1906.

Andrew Jordenaire
Notary Public.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 5, 1906.

John Jones,

Womack, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Icy Bandy Jones and Sallie Saunders to the birth of Cremer Jones, child of John Jones and Icy Bandy Jones, October 6, 1903.

It is stated in the affidavit of the mother that she is a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation. If this is correct you are requested to state the names of her parents, the time and place application was made for her enrollment, and if she has selected an allotment of the lands of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation give her roll number as it appears upon her allotment certificate.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 7

Alberta Bizzell

M. Fr. 7

MINOR 7

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Alberta Bizzell

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Alberta Bizzell

as a citizen of the

Choctaw Nation.

Approved _____ 190_

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Alberta Bizzel, (Here insert name of child) born on the 9th day of Feb, 1902

Name of Father: Henry Bizzel, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Mary Bizzel, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Post-Office: Cerro Gordo I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Second District.

I, Mary Bizzel, on oath state that I am 20 years of age and a citizen, by father & mother, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Henry Bizzel, who is a citizen, by marriage, of the Choctaw Nation, that a male (Male or female.) child was born to me on the 9th day of Feb. 1902; that said child has been named Alberta, and is now living.

Mary Bizzell

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) R H Cale

P G Paddox

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3d *day of* Jan *1903.*

Walter L McKay

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Second District.

I, Hannah Clayton, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Mary Bizzel, wife of Henry Bizzel, on the 9th day of Feb, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a male (Male or female.) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Alberta.

Hannah her X mark Clayton

WITNESSES TO MARK:

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P G Paddox

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Walter L McKay

Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Alberta Bizzell

as a citizen of Freedmen
Choctaw Nation.

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Commissioner.

Date of Birth Feb 9. 02

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Chactaw Nation,

of Alberta Bizzell born on the 9th day of Feb 1907
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: Henry Bizzell a citizen of the State of Arkansas Nation

Name of Mother: Mary Bizzell a citizen of the State of Arkansas Nation

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother Chactaw

Postoffice Curro Gordo Arkansas

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

State of Arkansas
~~UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,~~
County of Little River District.

I, Mary Bizzell on oath state that I am 21 years of age and a citizen by Blood of the Chactaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Henry Bizzell, who is a citizen, by Arkansas of the ..... Nation; that a Girl [Male or Female] child was born to me on 9th day of Feb, 1907; that said child has been named Alberta and was living March 4, 1906.

Mary Bizzell

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of Dec 1906.

J. N. Fortner
Notary Public

My Commission expires June 28-1907

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

State of Arkansas
~~UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,~~
County of Little River District.

I, Hannah Clayton, a Mid-wife, on oath state that I attended on Mary Bizzell, wife of Henry Bizzell on the 9th day of Feb 1907; that there was born to her on said date a Girl [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Alberta

Hannah her X Clayton
Mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
Louis Parker
H. F. Parker
[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of Dec 1906.

J. N. Fortner
Notary Public.

My Commission expires June 28-1907

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 13, 1906.

Henry Bissel,

Cerro Gordo, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Alberta Bissel, as a minor Choctaw freedman, under the Act of April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary to furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child, showing whether or not she was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore forwarded do not determine that fact.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter, there is herewith enclosed a new blank which you are requested to have executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for enrollment of this child.

The affidavit which is on file in this office is defective in the matter of form. The venue of the affidavit

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shows that it has been made out in Indian Territory while the notarial seal shows it was executed in Arkansas.

In having new affidavits executed care should be taken that all blanks are properly filled out.

This matter should receive your prompt attention.

Respectfully,

BA

Commissioner.

17-MB-48

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 4, 1907.

Henry Bizzell,

Cerro Gordo, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Mary Bizzell and Hannah Clayton to the birth of Alberta Bizzell, child of Henry and Mary Bizzell, February 9, 1902, and the same have been filed in the matter of the enrollment of your child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 8

Hanna Butler

M. Fr. 8

MINOR 8

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Hanna Butler

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

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as a citizen of

..... Nation.

Approved..... 190...

.....
Commissioner.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Harva Butler [Here insert name of child], born on the 1st day of Feby 1902

Name of Father: Sam Burris a freedman ~~citizen~~ of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Adaline Butler a freedman ~~citizen~~ of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Lusfata, IT

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Adaline Butler, on oath state that I am 40 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; ~~that I am the lawful wife of ..... who is a citizen, by ..... of the ..... Nation;~~ that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 1st day of February 1902; that said child has been named Harva Butler and was living March 4, 1906. That said child is illegitimate, and Sam Burris, a Choctaw freedman is his father.

Adaline Butler

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] .....

.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of Jany 1907

W M Martin

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Amanda Butler, a Mid wife, on oath state that I attended on Adaline Butler, ~~wife of .....~~ on the 1st day of Feby 1902 that there was born to her on said date a Male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Harva Butler

Amanda her X Butler
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] W M Martin

Frank A Doyle

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of Jany 1907

W M Martin

Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

.....

as a citizen of

..... Nation.

Approved..... 190...

.....
Commissioner.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as ~~a citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation,
of Harva Butler, born on the 1st day of Feby 1902
[Here insert name of child]
Name of Father Sam Burris, ~~a citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation.
Name of Mother Adaline Butler, ~~a citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation.
Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....
Postoffice Lukfata, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.
I, Millie Richards, on oath state that I am 32
years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;
that I am the ~~lawful wife~~ personally acquainted with Adaline Butler, who is a ~~citizen by~~
freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male child was
[Male or Female]
born to ~~me~~ Adaline Butler on the 1st day of February 1902 that said child has been named
Harva Butler and was living March 4, 1906, and that Sam
Burris is said to be the father. Millie Richards

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of Jany 1907.
W.H. Martin
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.
I, Jane Butler, a ....., on oath state that I am
personally acquainted with Adaline Butler
attended on and know that on the 1st day of Feby 1902 ~~that~~ there was born to her ~~on said date~~ a Male
[Male or Female]
child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Harva Butler

her
Jane + Butler
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
W.H. Martin
[Must be Two Witnesses] Frank L. Cobb

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of Jany 1907.
W.H. Martin
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Harva Butler

as a citizen of the

Choctaw *Nation.*

Approved _____ *190*__

_____

Commissioner.

Received

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 20

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Harva Butler (Here insert name of child), born on the 1st day of February, 1902
Name of Father: Sam Burris, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Name of Mother Adaline Butler, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Post-Office: Fushatta, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District. }

I, Adaline Butler, on oath state that I am 36 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of no one, who is a citizen, by — —, of the — Nation, that a Male (Male or female) child was born to me on the 1st day of February 1902; that said child has been named Harva Butler, and is now living.

Adaline Butler

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) { _____
_____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 5- *day of* September *190* 3.

J. W. Castilaw
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District. }

I, Amanda Butler, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Adaline Butler, wife of no one, on the 1st day of February, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a Male (Male or female) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Harva Butler.

her
Amanda x Butler
Mark

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses) { Elisha Battles
Mark Lenbit

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25-th *day of* September *190* 3

J. W. Castilaw
Notary Public.

Ex CNB # 8.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Hawa Butler

as a citizen of

Chas Ford Nation.

Approved JAN 25 1907 190...

Commissioner.

JAN 1907

COMMISSIONER.

Original application
received April 26. 1906

Received
Dec 31-06.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Harva Butler [Here insert name of child], born on the 1st day of February 1902

Name of Father: Sam Burris a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Adaline Butler a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother 393

Postoffice Ft Gibson Ind Terr

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Adaline Butler, on oath state that I am 39 years of age and a citizen by Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of No one, who is a citizen, by ....., of the ..... Nation; that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 28th day of February, 1902 that said child has been named Harva Butler, and was living March 4, 1906.

Adaline Butler

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of December 1906.

J. W. Castleberry
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Armanda Butler, a midwife on oath state that I attended on Adaline Butler wife of No one on the 1st day of February 1902 that there was born to her on said date a Male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Harva Butler

Armanda her x Butler
Mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] Jno F. Deshong
Billy Boling

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of December 1906.

J. W. Castleberry
Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 11, 1906.

Adaline Butler,

Lukfatah, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Harda Butler, as a minor Choctaw freedman, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary to furnish this office with new affidavits as to the birth of said child showing whether or not it was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore forwarded do not determine that fact.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter, there is herewith enclosed a new blank which you are requested to have executed and return to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the enrollment of said child.

Respectfully,

BA

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 9

David Butler

M. Fr. 9

MINOR 9

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

David Butler

GRANTED Feb 21 1907

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment as a Choctaw freedman ..... of.....

David Butler --17-NB9.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

David Butler

as a citizen of the

Choctaw *Nation.*

Approved 190

Commissioner.

Born too late. Nov 4, 1902

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of David Butler (Here insert name of child), born on the 14th day of November, 1902
Name of Father: Sol Butler, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Name of Mother: Hittie Butler, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Post-Office: Lenton I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Hittie Butler, on oath state that I am 28 years of age and a citizen, by Birth, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Sol Butler, who is a citizen, by Intermarriage, of the Choctaw Nation, that a Male (Male or female) child was born to me on the 14th day of November 1902; that said child has been named David Butler, and is now living.

her
Hittie X Butler
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses)
J.F. Montgomery
his
Sol X Butler
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th *day of* December *1902.*

J.F. Moreland
Notary Public.
My commission expires Oct 21-1905

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, _____ District.

I, _____, a _____, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. _____, wife of _____, on the _____ day of _____, 190 ; that there was born to her on said date a _____ (Male or female) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named _____.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ *day of* _____ *190* .

Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

David Butler

as ~~a citizen of the~~

Choctaw Freedman ~~Nation~~.

Approved _____ 190_

Commissioner.

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APR 26 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 20

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a ~~Citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation,
of David Butler (Here insert name of child.), born on the 14th day of November 1902
Name of Father: Solomon Butler a citizen of the United States ~~Nation~~.
Name of Mother: Kizzy Butler a freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Post-Office: Atoka, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, _____ District.

I, _____, on oath state that I am _____ years of age and a citizen, by _____, of the _____ Nation; that I am the lawful wife of _____, who is a citizen, by _____, of the _____ Nation, that a _____ (Male or female.) child was born to me on the _____ day of _____ 190 ; that said child has been named _____, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) _____

_____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 190 .

_____
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Ruthie Brown, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs Kizzy Butler, wife of Solomon Butler on the 14th day of November, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a male (Male or female.) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named David Butler.

her
Ruthie x Brown
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) Wm C Brown

H. G. Hains

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of December 1902

H C Riston
Notary Public.

Choc. Fd Minor # 9.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

David Bullen

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved..... 190...

.....

Commissioner.

FEB 1 1907

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of David Butler, born on the 14 day of Nov 1902
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: Soloman Butler a citizen of the United States Nation.

Name of Mother: Kitty Butler a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father..... Tribal enrollment of mother.....

Postoffice Lenlon I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Kitty Butler on oath state that I am 31 years of age and a citizen by Adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Soloman Butler, who is a citizen, by ..... of the United States Nation; that a Male child was born to me on 14 day of Nov 1902 that said child has been named David Butler and was living March 4, 1906.

her
Kitty X Butler
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] B A Nelson
Willie Collins

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of Jan 1907.

D P Harrell
Notary Public.

Grant I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Ruthie Brown, a Midwife on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Kitty Butler wife of Soloman Butler on the 14 day of Nov 1902; that there was born to her on said date a Male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named David Butler

her
Ruthie X Brown
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] B A Nelson
Willie Collins

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of Jan 1907.

D P Harrell
Notary Public.

Grant I.T.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

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as a citizen of

..... Nation.

Approved..... 190...

.....
Commissioner.

FEB 25 1907

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of David Butler [Here insert name of child], born on the 14th day of November 1902

Name of Father: Sol Butler a citizen of the U. S. Nation.

Name of Mother: Kitty Butler a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father..... Tribal enrollment of mother.....

Postoffice Lenton, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Kitty Butler, on oath state that I am 32 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Sol Butler, who is a citizen, by ....., of the U. S. ~~Nation~~; that a male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 14th day of November 1902; that said child has been named David Butler and ~~was living March 4, 1906~~.

her
Kitty X Butler
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
Fay E. Blacher
[Must be Two Witnesses] Richard Shanafelt

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of February 1907.

Richard Shanafelt
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Ruth Brown, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Kitty Butler wife of Sol Butler on the 14th day of November 1902; that there was born to her on said date a male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named David Butler

her
Ruth X Brown
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
Fay E. Blacher
[Must be Two Witnesses] Richard Shanafelt

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of February 1907.

Richard Shanafelt
Notary Public.

17-NB-9 S.E.F.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of David Butler as a Choctaw freedman.

-: D E C I S I O N :-

It appears from the record herein that application was duly made for the enrollment of David Butler as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137).

It further appears from the record herein and from the records of this office that said David Butler was born November 14, 1902 and was living March 4, 1906, and that he is the son of Solomon Butler, a non citizen, and Kitty Butler whose name appears opposite No. 1017 upon the final roll of Choctaw Freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior March 6, 1903.

I am of the opinion that David Butler should be enrolled as a Choctaw freedman under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), as amended by the Act of Congress approved June 21, 1906 (34 Stats., 325), and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory.
FEB 2 1907

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 25, 1907.

Solomon Butler,

Lenton, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 21, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of David Butler as a Choctaw freedman.

You are hereby advised that the name of David Butler has been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval. You will be notified of Departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Incl. 17-MB-9

Registered.

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 25, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 21, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of David Butler as a Choctaw freedman.

You are hereby advised that the name of David Butler has been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval. You will be notified of Departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Incl. 17-NB-9

Registered.

17 NB 9.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 15, 1906.

Solomon Butler,

Lenton, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, David Butler, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of said child showing whether or not he was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact. For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

17 NB 9.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 21, 1906..

Kitty Butler,

Lenton, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 10th. instant asking whether or not the application for enrollment of your boy, David Butler, as a Choctaw freedman has been approved.

In reply you are advised that on the 13th. instant a letter was addressed to Solomon Butler by this office relative to this matter requesting him to furnish new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not he was living March 4, 1906. A new blank affidavit was inclosed therewith. The same should be properly executed and returned to this office at an early date as no further action can be taken relative to the application for enrollment of this child until they have been received.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

17-NB-9

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 20, 1907.

Solomon Butler,

Lenton, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Kitty Butler and Ruthie Brown to the birth of David Butler, child of Solomon and Kitty Butler, November 14, 1902.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc.M.Fr. 10

Myrann Nash

M. Fr. 10

MINOR 10

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Myrann Nash

GRANTED Jan 30 1907

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the alleged application for the enrollment of Myra Ann Nash as a Choctaw freedman.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906

Myrann Nash

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved..... 190...

.....

Commissioner.

DEC 27 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

of Myrann Nash born on the 29 day of Oct 1903
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: Ida Nash a citizen of the U.S. Nation.

Name of Mother: Elmyra Nash a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother. Choct

Postoffice Berwyn

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Southern District. }

I, Elmyra Nash on oath state that I am 21 years of age and a ~~citizen~~ freedman by blood of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Ida Nash, who is a citizen, by blood, of the U.S. Nation; that a female child was born to me on 29 day of October 1903; that said child has been named Myrann and was living March 4, 1906.
[Male or Female]

Elmyra Nash

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of Nov 1906.

Jno. W. Massey
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Southern District. }

I, Jane Lecrington a [illegible] on oath state that I attended on Elmyra Nash, wife of Ida Nash on the 29 day of Oct 1903; that there was born to her on said date a female child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Myrann
[Male or Female]

Jane Lecrington her mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { C. D. Johnson
J. D. A. King

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of Dec 1906.

My com. Exp. June 9-1908 A. V. Le Flore
Notary Public.

(copy)

Berwyn, I.T. May 1st 1906.

Hon Commission Atoka

Sirs:

As I notice some favorable provisions having been made for the new borns; and anticipating the scarcity of valuable lots in which to find a suitable location I will kindly ask you to please send a platt of Ts 7, S, R, 18, E (Grant, I.T.) With the public domain thereon. Whereby that I may find a lot for my minor child Myra Ann Nash who was born Oct 29, 1903.

Respectfully,

Elmyra Nash.

(endosred on back)

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE TRIBES
NO. 17685. Received May 12, 1906.

May -2 1906.

Nash, Elmyra,
Berwyn, I.T.
May 1, 1906.

Wants township plat of certain land that she may select allotment for minor child.

17-NB-10. S.E F.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the alleged application for the enrollment of Myra Ann Nash as a Choctaw freedman.

D E C I S I O N.

It appears from the record herein that on December 20, 1906, there was received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes a written application for the enrollment of Myra Ann Nash as a Choctaw freedman.

It appears from the records of this office that on May 12, 1906, there was received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes a letter from Elmyra Nash, the mother of said applicant, requesting a plat of the unallotted lands in Township 7 South, Range 18 East, whereby she could find a suitable allotment for her minor child, Myra Ann Nash, who was born on October 29, 1903.

It further appears from the record herein that the birth affidavits of Elmyra Nash, the mother, and Jane Covington, who attended on the mother at the birth of said applicant, were executed on November 27, 1906, and December 17, 1906, respectively.

I am of the opinion that the letter above referred to establishes that application was made for the enrollment of Myra Ann Nash as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), and that the same should now be determined upon its merits in accordance with the opinion of the Assistant Attorney General of the Department of the Interior of November 15, 1906 (I.T.D. 22746-1906), and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

January 26 - 1907.

17-NB-10. S.E.F.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Myra Ann Nash as a Choctaw freedman.

D E C I S I O N.

It appears from the record herein that application was duly made for the enrollment of Myra Ann Nash as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137).

It further appears from the record herein and from the records of this office that said applicant, Myra Ann Nash, was born October 29, 1903; that she is the daughter of Ide Nash, a non-citizen, and Elmyra Nash, whose name appears as Elmira Shoals opposite number 4461 upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior June 28, 1904.

I am of the opinion that Myra Ann Nash should be enrolled as a Choctaw freedman under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), as amended by the Act of Congress approved June 21, 1906 (34 Stats., 325), and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

JAN 30 1907.

17-NB-10

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 30, 1907.

Elmyra Nash,

Grant, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered January 30, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of Myra Ann Nash as a Choctaw freedman.

You are hereby advised that the name of Myra Ann Nash will be placed upon the next schedule of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Incl. 17-NB-10

Registered.

17-NB-10

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 30, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish.

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered January 30, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of Myra Ann Nash as a Choctaw freedman.

You are hereby advised that the name of Myra Ann Nash will be placed upon the next schedule of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Incl. 17-N.B-10

Registered.

17-1337

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 13, 1906.

Elmyra Nash,

Berwyn, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 22, 1906, in which you refer to the enrollment of your children, and ask if applications made in January or February, 1905, are valid.

In reply you are advised that it does not appear from the records of this office that affidavits have been forwarded to the birth of the children of Elmyra Nash, formerly Shoals, but as you do not mention the names of the children referred to it is impracticable to give you definite information.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-1337

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 28, 1906.

Elmira Nash,

Berwyn, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of August 19, 1906, in which you state that affidavits were made to the birth of your child Myra Ann Nash, October 29, 1903, and that the same were sent to Folsom for his consideration; you ask if the affidavits have not been received at this office if you will be permitted to make application for the enrollment of this child in the event that freedman children are adjudged entitled to enrollment.

You are advised that this office cannot give you any information upon this point at this time. The act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, provided for the reception of applications for the enrollment of minor children of citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations for a period of ninety days from that date; this ninety days expired July 25, 1906, and there is at this time no authority for the reception of such applications.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:
17-1337

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 24, 1906.

E. Nash,

Berwyn, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 19, 1906, inclosing affidavits of Elmyra Nash and Jane Covington to the birth of Myrann Nash, child of Ide and Elmyra Nash, October 29, 1903.

You are advised that the time within which applications could be received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of minor children under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expired July 25, 1906.

It has recently been held by the Department that the minor children of Choctaw freedmen who were living on March 4, 1906, are entitled to enrollment provided application was made within the time prescribed by law, or prior to July 25, 1906.

If it is claimed that such an application was made for the enrollment of your child, above named, prior to July 25, 1906, you should appear before the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka, Indian Territory any time prior to January 1, 1907 for the purpose of presenting

E. F. ft

testimony relative to the submission of such application within the required time.

Respectfully,

Wm. O. Beall,

Acting Commissioner.

17-NB-10

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 14, 1907.

Elmira Nash,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 4, 1907, asking the status of the application for the enrollment of your child Myra Ann Nash.

In reply to your letter you are advised that no action has yet been taken on the matter of the enrollment of your child Myraan Nash, but you will be notified of the action taken therein.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-MB-10

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 10, 1907.

Elmyra Nash,

Care of Ide Nash,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 19, 1907, in which you ask relative to the approval of the enrollment of your child Myrann Nash.

In reply to your letter you are advised that on March 2, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior approved the enrollment of Myra Ann Nash as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 11

Allen Jeffie Burris

Horace Clayton Burris

M. Fr. 11

MINOR 11

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Allen Joffie Burris

Horace Clayton Burris

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Allen Jeffie Burris

as a citizen of the

Choctaw *Nation.*

Approved 190

Commissioner.

Received

JAN 21 1903

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CHOCTAW FREEDMEN

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APR 26 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Allen Giffie Burris, born on the 12th day of September, 1902.
(Give full name of child.)
Name of Father: Ned Burris, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Name of Mother: Amanda Burris, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Post-Office: Lukfata I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Amanda Burris, on oath state that I am 24 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Ned Burris, who is a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, that a Male (Male or female.) child was born to me on the 12th day of September 1902, that said child has been named Allen Giffie Burris, and is now living.

Amanda Burris

WITNESSED TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of December 1902

G. W. Castleberry
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Jane Butler, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Amanda Burris, wife of Ned Burris, on the 12th day of September, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a Male (Male or female.) child; ~~that said child is now living and is said to have been~~ named Allen Giffie Burris.

her
Jane x Butler
mark

WITNESSED TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) Emma Wallace
Jesse Bunch

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of December 1902

G. W. Castleberry
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Horace Clayton Harris

as a citizen of the

Choctaw Nation.

Approved _____ 190_

_____

Commissioner.

Born Apr 20 1900

Receipt

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APR 26 1906

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Freedman Choctaw Nation,
of Horace Clayton Burris, born on the 25 day of April, 1900
(Here insert name of child.)
Name of Father: Albert Burris, a citizen of the Freedman Choctaw Nation.
Name of Mother: Amandy Burris, a citizen of the Freedman Choctaw Nation.
Post-Office: Lukfata I T

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District. }

I, Amanda Burris, on oath state that I am 24 years of age and a citizen, by Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am not the lawful wife of Albert Burris, who is a citizen, by Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation, that a male (Male or female) child was born to me on the 25 day of April 1900; that said child has been named Horace Clayton Burris, and is now living.

Amanda Burris

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses) { _____
_____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of May, 1903.
my Commission
expire 23 Dec 1905

Jeff Gardner
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District. }

I, Becca Anderson, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Amanda Burris, wife of _____, on the 25 day of April, 1900; that there was born to her on said date a Male (Male or female) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Horace Clayton Burris.

Becca her X mark Anderson

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses) { H. P. Garrison
E. J. Frazier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of Sept, 1903.
My Commission
expires 23rd Dec 1905

Jeff Gardner
Notary Public.

J.C.C.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Allen Jeffie Burris
Loudman

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved JAN 10 1907 190...

Commissioner.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ of the Choctaw Nation,

of Allen Jeffie Burris, born on the 12 day of Sept 1902
(Here insert name of child)

Name of Father: Ned Burris a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother Amanda Burris a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Lukfata I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Amanda Burris, on oath state that I am 28 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Ned Burris, who is a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a male (Male or Female) child was born to me on 12 day of September 1902, that said child has been named Allen Jeffie Burris and was living March 4, 1906.

Amanda Burris

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] .....

.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of May 1906.

Lacy C Bobo
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Jane Butler, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Amanda Burris wife of Ned Burris on the 12 day of Sept, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a male (Male or Female) child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Allen Jeffie Burris

Her
Jane + Butler
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] W P Young Jr.

J W Young

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of May 1906.

Lacy C Bobo
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Horace Clayton Burris

as a citizen of

Tuskegee Choctaw Nation.

Approved JAN 10 1907 190...

Commissioner.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Horace Clayton Burris [Here insert name of child] born on the 25 day of April 1900

Name of Father: Albert Burris a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother Amanda Burris a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father..... Tribal enrollment of mother.....

Postoffice Lukfata, Ind. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Amanda Burris (nee Pitchlynn) on oath state that I am 28 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I ~~am~~ was the lawful wife of no one, who is a citizen, by ——, of the —— Nation; that a male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 25th day of April, 1900; that said child has been named Horace Clayton Burris, and was living March 4, 1906.

Amanda Burris nee Pitchlynn

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of May 1906.

Facey P. Bobo
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Beckie Anderson, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Amanda Burris (nee Pitchlynn), wife of no one, on the 25th day of April, 1900; that there was born to her on said date a male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Horace Clayton Burris

Her
Beckie + Anderson
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { W. C. Conway Jon
J. W. Homer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of May 1906.

Facey C. Bobo
Notary Public.

above mentioned child afraid
Near Eagletown
35 age

17-188.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 26, 1903.

Ned Burris,

Lukfata, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Allen Jeffie Burris, infant son of Ned and Amanda Burris, born September 12, 1902.

It is stated in the affidavit of the mother that her name is Amanda Burris, that she is 24 years of age, a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation, and the lawful wife of Ned Burris who is a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation.

If this is correct, you are requested to state her full maiden name, the time and place application was made for her enrollment, the names of the other members of her family for whom application was made at the same time and any other information you may have which will enable the Commission to identify Amanda Burris as being duly listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman. This information should be furnished the Commission at your earliest convenience.

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Relative to the application for the enrollment of your infant child, your attention is invited to section thirty-four of the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, which was ratified by the citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations September 27, 1902, as follows:

> "During the ninety days first following the date of the final ratification of this agreement, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes may receive applications for enrollment only of persons whose names are on the tribal rolls, but who have not heretofore been enrolled by said Commission, commonly known as "delinquents," and such intermarried white persons as may have married recognized citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations in accordance with the tribal laws, customs and usages on or before the date of the passage of this Act by Congress, and such infant children as may have been born to recognized and enrolled citizens on or before the date of the final ratification of this agreement; but the application of no person whomsoever for enrollment shall be received after the expiration of the said ninety days."

Under the above legislation, the Commission is now without authority to enroll this child.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

17-188

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 15, 1906.

Ned Davis,

Lukfata, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Amanda Burris and Jane Butler to the birth of Allen Jeffie Burris, son of Ned and Amanda Burris, September 12, 1902.

You are advised that the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, made no provision for the enrollment of children of Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen. You will therefore see there is no authority for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

W. O'Beirne

Acting Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 12

Tabisha Blunt

M. Fr. 12

MINOR 12

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Tabisha Blunt

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation,

of Tobitha [Here insert name of child], born on the 2 day of June 1914

Name of Father: Clabe Blunt, a citizen of the United States Nation.

Name of Mother: Minnie Blunt a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother Chickasaw

Postoffice Sugg Ind. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Minnie Blunt on oath state that I am 41 years of age and a citizen by marriage of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Clabe Blunt, who is a citizen, by ..... of the ..... Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 2 day of June 1914; that said child has been named Tobitha Blunt and was living March 4, 1906.

Minnie her X mark Blunt

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] Ella Hollis
T H Hollis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of December 1906.

T. M. Yates
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
..... District.

I, Tobitha Rice a ....., on oath state that I attended on Minnie Blunt wife of Clabe Blunt on the 2 day of June 1914; that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Tobitha Blunt

Tobitha her X mark Rice

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] Clabe Blunt
Alton Blount

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of December 1906.

T. M. Yates
Notary Public.

NB #12

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

[redacted] Blunt

as a citizen of

Chickasaw Nation.

CHOC AFFIDAVIT

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

NB #12

Dec 20-06.

NEW BORN AFFIDAVIT

No ...

CHOCTAW ENROLLING COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, of Tabitha Blunt (Name of Child), born on the 2 day of June 1904

Name of father Clabe Blunt a citizen of ... Nation, final enrollment No ...

Name of mother Minerva Blunt a citizen of Chickasaw Nation, final enrollment No ...

Lloyd Ind. Ter. Postoffice.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY
DISTRICT Central

I, Minerva Blunt on oath, state that I am 38 years of age, and a citizen by Birth of the Chickasaw Nation, and as such have been placed upon final roll of the Chickasaw Nation, by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, my final enrollment number being 4391 ; that I am the lawful wife of Clabe Blunt, who is a citizen of the United States Nation, and as such has been placed upon the final roll of said Nation by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, his final enrollment number being 4391 and that a female (Male or Female) child was born to me on the 2 day of June 1904; that said child has been named Tabitha Blunt, and is now living.

WITNESSETH: Minerva her + mark Blunt

Must be two witnesses who are citizens { Harvey Blunt, Addie Ervin

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 14 day of February 1905

F. W. Yates
Notary Public.

My Commission Expires: April 1907

Returned to file

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IN THE MATTER OF THE BIRTH

OF

Tabitha Blunt

CHOCTAW COMMISSION NO .....

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

MAR 4 1905

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Affidavit of Attending Physician or Midwife

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central DISTRICT.

I, Tobitha Rice a Midwife

on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Mamie Blunt

wife of Charley Blunt, on the 21 day of

June, 1904, that there was born to her on said date a Female child, that said child is now living, and is said to have
Male or Female

been named Tobitha Blunt

her
+
mark

M. D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 14 day of February 1905

J. W. Yates
Notary Public.

WITNESSETH:

Must be two witnesses who are citizens and know the child. { Harry Blunt, Addie Ervin

We hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Tobitha Rice, a Midwife and know her to be reputable and of good standing in the community.

Must be two citizen witnesses. { Addie Ervin, J. W. Yates

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Isabella Blunt
Indian

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved FEB 9 1907 190...

Commissioner.

Date of Birth
June 2, 1904

JAN [illegible]

Original applic-
ation received
April 26, 906

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Tabitha Blunt [Here insert name of child], born on the 2 day of June 1904

Name of Father: Blake Blunt a Non citizen of the Nation.

Name of Mother: Minerva Blunt a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Non citizen. Tribal enrollment of mother Chas Freedmen 439

Postoffice Hugo Indian Territory

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Minerva Blunt, on oath state that I am 40 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;

that I am the lawful wife of Blake Blunt, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ Non citizen ~~of the Nation~~; that a Female [Male or Female] child was

born to me on 2 day of June 1904; that said child has been named

Tabitha Blunt and was living March 4, 1906.

Minerva Blunt

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of January 1907.

Earl Patterson
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Tilda Rice, a Midwife, on oath state that I

attended on Minerva Blunt, wife of Blake Blunt

on the 2 day of June 1904; that there was born to her on said date a Female [Male or Female]

child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Tabitha Blunt

Tilda her X mark Rice

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { Earl Patterson
Blake Blunt

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of January 1907.

Earl Patterson
Notary Public.

17 NB 12.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 14, 1906.

Clabe Blunt,

Hugo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Tabitha Blunt, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not she was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

Choc. M. Fr. 13

Johnnie Walter Bidden

Act. of Congress approved
Apr. 26, 1906.

M. Fr. 13

MINOR 13

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Johnnie Walter Bidden

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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NEW-BORN AFFIDAVIT

Number.....

...CHOCTAW ENROLLING COMMISSION...

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, of Johnnie Walter Bidden (Name of Child) born on the 1st day of June, 1904

Name of father Eli Bidden a citizen of U. S. Nation, final enrollment No. ~~3384~~

Name of mother Mary Bidden a citizen of Choctaw Nation; final enrollment No. 3384

Postoffice Dow I. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

INDIAN TERRITORY

Central DISTRICT.

I Mary Bidden, on oath state that I am 33 years of age and a citizen by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, and as such have been placed upon the final roll of the Choctaw Nation, by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior my final enrollment No. being 3384; that I am the lawful wife of Eli Bidden, who is a citizen of the U. States Nation, and as such has been placed upon the final roll of said Nation by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, his final enrollment No. being ——— and that a Male (Male or Female) child was born to me on the 1st day of June 1904; that said child has been named Johnnie Walter Bidden, and is now living.

Mary Bidden

Witnesseth.

Must be two Witnesses who are Citizens. { Henry Vinson
Edward S Vinson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of Feb 1905

G A Reed
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:
May 2-1908

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IN THE MATTER OF THE BIRTH

of Johnnie Walter Biddie

Choctaw Commission No.

9 Enrolled

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APR 26 1906

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AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
INDIAN TERRITORY
Central DISTRICT

I Mrs C A Tucker a midwife

on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Mary Bridden, wife

of Eli Bridden, on the 1st day of

June 1904, that there was born to her on said

date a Male child, that said child is now living,
Male or Female

and is said to have been named Johnnie Walter Biddens

Mrs C A Tucker M. D.
her
mark

WITNESSETH:

Must be two witnesses who are Citizens and know the child.

Henry Tinsley
Edwards Simpson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 11th day of

Feb 1905

J A Reed Notary Public.

We hereby certify that we are well acquainted with

Mrs C A Tucker, a midwife and know her

to be reputable and of good standing in the community.

Jack Simpson
Frank Jamison

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Hudgens

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

John H. Bidden

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Approved JAN 10 1907 190...

Commissioner.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of John W. Bidden [Here insert name of child], born on the 1st day of June 1905

Name of Father: Eli Bidden, a non citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Mary Bidden, nee Turner, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother #3382

Postoffice Dav, Ind. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, Central District.

I, Mary Bidden, nee Turner, on oath state that I am thirty-five years of age and a citizen by ~~blood~~ adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Eli Bidden, who is a non citizen, by ....., of the Choctaw Nation; that a male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 1st day of June 1905; that said child has been named John W. Bidden and was living March 4, 1906.

Mary Bidden
nee Turner

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] .....

.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of July 1906.

Wm. J. Hulsey,
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, Central District.

I, Coosa Annur Tucker, a midwife, on oath state that I attended Mary Bidden, nee Turner, wife of Eli Bidden on the 1st day of June 1905; that there was born to her on said date a male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named John W. Bidden.

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Coosa Annur x Tucker
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] T. A. Leeks

Edwin Hewett

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of July 1906.

Wm. J. Hulsey,
Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 2, 1906.

Eli Bidden,

Dow, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Mary Bidden and Coose Annie Tucker to the birth of John W. Bidden, child of Eli Bidden and Mary Bidden, nee Turner, June 1, 1905.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 14

Nelley Adamson

Mable Adamson

M. Fr. 14

MINOR

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ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Nelley Adamson

Mable Adamson

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
17 - 14. COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Hugo, Indian Territory, January 8, 1907.

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In the matter of the application for the enrollment, as minor Freedmen of the Choctaw Nation, of Nelley Adamson and Mable Adamson, 17 - 14.

Testimony taken at Hugo, Indian Territory, January 5, 1907.

BY THE COMMISSIONER:

MINNIE ADAMSON, being duly sworn, by Lacey P. Bobo, Notary Public in and for the Central District of Indian Territory, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A Minnie Adamson.
Q How old are you? A I was 24 the 10th of last december.
Q Are you the wife of Lege Adamson? A Yes, sir.
Q Are you a freedman of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes, sir.

Freedman is identified as a Choctaw Freedman, Roll Number 1122.

Q Is your husband a freedman? A No, sir.

Q It appears from the records of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes that you, as mother, have made application for the enrollment, as minor freedmen of the Choctaw Nation, of your daughters, Nelley Adamson and Mable Adamson: When was Nelley Adamson born?
A The 25th day of November 1903.
Q How old is this child now? A She is three years old and one month the 25th day of last December.
Q From the records of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes it appears that you made affidavit before one C. W. Hill Notary Public, on the 6th day of February 1905, that Nelley Adamson was born on the 25th day of November 1904 (affidavit is shown witness): Is this affidavit correct with the exception of the year, and the year should be 1903 instead of 1904?
A Yes, sir, Nelley is three years old and one month now.
Q Is Nelley Adamson now living? A yes, sir, I would have brought her to-day but she was sick.
Q Is Nelley your oldest child? A She is the oldest one living.
Q From the records of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes it appears that before one C. W. Hill, Notary Public, on the 6th day of February 1905, you made affidavit that a female child was born to you on the 1st day of January 1905, and that said child has been named Mable Adamson: Is this child living at the present time? A No, sir.

In re the application of Nelley and Mable Adamson --#2--Minnie Adams)

Q Who attended you as midwife at the birth of your daughter Nelley?
A Rhoda Larkins.
Q Who attended in the same capacityat the birth of Mabel?
A Mary Adamson, my husband's mother.
Q You state Mable Adamson was born January 1, 1905? A yes, sir.
Q Is this child living at the present time? A No, sir.
Q When did she die? A She died in March 1905, I do not remember exactly what date it was though.

Witness Excused.

RHODA LARKINS, being duly sworn, testified as follows: Sworn by Lacey P. Bobo, Notary Public, Central Dist.? Indian Terr.
BY THE COMMISSIONER:

Q What is your name? A Rhoda Larkins.
Q How old are you? A I can't tell my age, they said I was twenty when I was freed.
Q What is your post office? A Grant, I. T.
Q Did you attend in the capacity of mid-wife Minnie Adamson wife of Lege Adamson at the time a female child was born to her?
A Yes, sir .
Q What was this child afterwards named that was born when you ~~x x~~ waited on Minnie Adamson? A Nelley.
Q When was Nelley born? A It was in November, I do not know the day of the month.
Q When ? A Three years ago, but then the months and days I can't keep.
Q Is this child living now? A yes, sir.

Witness Excused.

ELIJA ADAMSON, being duly sworn, by Lacey P. Bobo, Notary Public in and for the Central District of Indian Territory, testified as follows:

BY THE COMMISSIONER:

Q What is your name? A Elija Adamson.
Q Are you the husband of one Minnie Adamson, a freedman of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes, sir.
Q Are you a freedman of either one of the five civilized tribes?
A No, sir, I am a United States citizen.
Q What is your post office ? A Grant, I. T.
Q From the records of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Nelley Adamson and Mable Adamson, it appears that Minnie Adamson is the wife of Lege Adamson: was that Lege intended for you?
A Yes, sir.
Q When was your daughter Nelley Adamson born? A She was born in 1903.
Q What mont, A November.
Q Is Nelley now living? A Yes, sir.
Q When was Mable born? A She was born the 1st day of January two years ago.

In re the application of Nelley & Mable Adamson--#3--Elija Adamson.

Q Your wife states Mable is dead: how old was she when she died?
A She was about two months old.
Q Do you know what month and year she died?
A It was along in March I think when she died.
Q Had Mable been dead about a year March 4, 1906. A Yes, sir .

Witness Excused.

W. P. Covington, being duly sworn, states that the above and foregoing is a full true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes taken in said case on date given.

W. P. Covington

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 8th day of January 1907.

Lacy P. Bobo
Notary Public.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BIRTH
of Mable Adamson

Choctaw Commission No.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVECIVILIZED
TRIBES.

It appearing from the record herein that the applicant Mable Adamson was born subsequent to September 25 1902 and died prior to March 4, 1906 I am of the opinion that under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), I am without authority to receive , consider or make any record of any application for the enrollment of the said Mable Adamson as a Choctaw freedman and therefore I should decline to receive the same, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

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NEW-BORN AFFIDAVIT

Number.....

...CHOCTAW ENROLLING COMMISSION...

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, of Name of Child Mable adamson

born on the 1 day of Jany 1905

Name of father Lige adamson a citizen of Choctaw Nation, final enrollment No. ——

Name of mother Minnie adamson a citizen of Choctaw Nation; final enrollment No. 1122

Postoffice Grant I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

INDIAN TERRITORY

Central DISTRICT.

I Minnie adamson, on oath state that I am 22 years of age and a citizen by Birth, of the Choctaw Nation, and as such have been placed upon the final roll of the Choctaw Nation, by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior my final enrollment No. being 1122; that I am the lawful wife of Lige adamson, who is a citizen of the United States Nation, and as such has been placed upon the final roll of said Nation by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, his final enrollment No. being ——

and that a Female (Male or Female) child was born to me on the 1 day of Jany 1905; that said child has been named Mable adamson, and is now living.

Minnie Adamson

Witnesseth.

Must be two Witnesses who are Citizens. { Edmillacaee / R d Owl

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6 day of Feb 1905

C W Hill

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 1907

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IN THE MATTER OF THE BIRTH
of Mable Adamson.
Choctaw Commission No. 366

APR 26 1906
APR 25 1905

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AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
INDIAN TERRITORY
Central DISTRICT

I, Rhoda Larkin a Mid wife

on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Minnie adamson, wife

of Lige adamson, on the 1 day of

Jany 1905, that there was born to her on said

date a Female child, that said child is now living,
Male or Female

and is said to have been named Mable adamson

Rhoda Larkins Mid wife ~~M. D.~~

WITNESSETH:

Must be two witnesses who are Citizens and know the child.

{ E. D. Williams
{ R. D. Calvert

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 6 day of

Jany 1905

C White Notary Public.

We hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Rhoda

Larkin, a Mid wife and know her

to be reputable and of good standing in the community.

{ E. D. Williams
{ R. D. Calvert

IN THE MATTER OF THE BIRTH

of Nelley Adamson

Choctaw Commission No.

NEW-BORN AFFIDAVIT

Number.....

...CHOCTAW ENROLLING COMMISSION...

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, of Nelly adamson (Name of Child) born on the 25th day of November 190 4

Name of father Lige adamson a citizen of Choctaw Nation, final enrollment No. _____

Name of mother Minnie adamson a citizen of Choctaw Nation; final enrollment No. 1122

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AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

INDIAN TERRITORY

Central DISTRICT.

I Minnie adamson, on oath state that I am 22 years of age and a citizen by Birth, of the Choctaw Nation, and as such have been placed upon the final roll of the Choctaw Nation, by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior my final enrollment No. being 1122; that I am the lawful wife of Lige adamson, who is a citizen of the United States Nation, and as such has been placed upon the final roll of said Nation by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, his final enrollment No. being 1122 and that a Female (Male or Female) child was born to me on the 25th day of November 1904; that said child has been named Nelly adamson, and is now living.

Minnie Adamson

Witnesseth.

Must be two Witnesses who are Citizens. { C. C. Williams, R. D. Calvert

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6 day of Feb 1905

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 1907

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IN THE MATTER OF THE BIRTH

of Nelley Adamson

Choctaw Commission No. 367

Approved JAN 25 1907

Commissioner

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

FILED

JAN 25 1907

COMMISSIONER

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APR 25 1905

APR 26 1906

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
INDIAN TERRITORY
Canard DISTRICT

I, Rhoda Larkin a Mid Wife

on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Minnie adamson, wife

of Lige adamson, on the 25th day of

November 1904, that there was born to her on said

date a Female child, that said child is now living,
Male or Female

and is said to have been named Nelly adamson
Rhoda Larkins ~~M.D.~~ Midwife

WITNESSETH:

Must be two witnesses who are Citizens and know the child.

C W Williams
R D Colbert

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 6th day of

February 1905

C W Hill Notary Public.

We hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Rhoda

Larkin, a Mid Wife and know

to be reputable and of good standing in the community.

C W Williams
R D Colbert

17-NB-14.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 14, 1907.

Lege Adamson,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that it appearing from the records of this office that your minor child, Mable Adamson, died prior to March 4, 1906, the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes on February 11, 1907, declined to receive the application for her enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 15
Ernest Bagby

M. Fr. 15

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ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Ernest Bagby

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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United States of America
Indian Territory
Central District

I Harm Williams on oath state that I am 54 years old and was personaly acquainted with Pinky Williams, and know that there was born to her on the 16 day of June 1902 a male child, and that said child is now living, and is named Ernest Bagby.

Must be two Mark : Witnesses to mark:
: J B Vines
: G S Gray

Harm his x Williams Mark

N P Hutchinson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of Aug 1904

N P Hutchinson
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Ernest Bagley

as a citizen of the

Choctaw *Nation.*

Approved _____ ___ *190*__

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Commissioner.

Born June 16 1900.

Received.

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N. B. 15

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Chocktaw Nation,
of Ernest Bayby (Here insert name of child.), born on the 16 day of June, 1902
Name of Father: Andrew Bayby, a citizen of the U. S., ~~Nation~~.
Name of Mother: Pinkie Scott, a citizen of the Chocktaw Nation.
Post-Office: Harris Ind Ter

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
INDIAN TERRITORY, }
_____ District. }

I, _____, on oath state that I am _____ years of age and a citizen, by _____, of the _____ Nation; that I am the lawful wife of _____, who is a citizen, by _____, of the _____ Nation, that a _____ (Male or female.) child was born to me on the _____ day of _____ 190__; that said child has been named _____, and is now living.

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WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) _____

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 190__.

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Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
INDIAN TERRITORY, }
Central District. }

I, Judis Buthen, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Pinkie Scott, wife of Crump Scott, on the 16 day of June, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a Male (Male or female.) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Ernest Bayby.

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Judis x Buthen
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) J B Viney

C. S. Bruy

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of Aug 1904

U. P. Hutchinson
Notary Public.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 20

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Ernest Bagby (Here insert name of child), born on the 16 day of June 1900

Name of Father: Anderson Bagby a citizen of the U S Nation.

Name of Mother: Cynthia Williams citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

on a Freedman Post-office Harris Ind Ter

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY. } Central District. }

I, , on oath state that I am years of age and a citizen, by , of the Nation; that I am the lawful wife of , who is a citizen, by , of the Nation; that a (Male or female) child was born to me on day of ; that said child has been named , and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be Two Witnesses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of 190

NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY. } Central District. }

I, Judia Butler, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Cynthia Williams, wife of on the 16 day of June 1900 that there was born to her on said date a Male (MALE OR FEMALE) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Ernest Bagby

WITNESSES TO MARK:

N P Hutchinson

W L Burnett

Must be Two Witnesses

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Judia her X Butler Mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9 day of Aug 1906

N P Hutchinson

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Ernest Bagby
Husband

as a citizen of

Cherokee Nation.

Approved FEB 9 1907 190...

Commissioner.

Date of Birth
Jan 16 1906

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Original applica
tion received
April 26. 1906.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ of the Freedman Choctaw Nation,

of Ernest Bagby [Here insert name of child], born on the 16th day of June 1900

Name of Father: Andrew Bagby a ~~citizen of the~~ Non Citizen ~~Nation.~~

Name of Mother: Pinnie Scott, nee Williams ~~Freedman~~ a ~~citizen~~ of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Harris I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Martin Harris, on oath state that I am 30 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation; acquainted with Pinnie Scott, nee Williams, now dead, that I am ~~the lawful wife of~~ ....., who is a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to ~~me~~ her on 16th day of June 1900; that said child has been named Ernest Bagby and was living March 4, 1906.

Martin Harris

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of January 1907

W. M. Martin

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, George Moseley, on oath state that I am acquainted with Pinnie Scott ~~attended on~~ ~~wife of~~ and know that on the 16th day of June 1900 ~~that~~ there was born to her ~~on said date~~ a Male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Ernest Bagby

his
George x Moseley
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

W. M. Martin

[Must be Two Witnesses] { Frank L. Doble

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of January 1907

W. M. Martin

Notary Public.

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Commissioner to the Five C...
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FEB ... 1907
Commissioner.

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Commissioner to the ... C... be.
FILE...
FEB ... 1907
Commissioner.

United States of America
Ind Ter Central District
I Virgal Butler on oath
State that I was Present
June 19 1901 When
Pinkie Williams Gave
Birth To Ernest Bagby
said Ernest Bagby is still
Living

Virgal his Butler
Mark

witness
Gaines murray
T. L. Johnson

Subscribed and Sworn To
Before Me This 1 day of July
1907

N. P. Hutchinson
Notary Public

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

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as a citizen of

..... Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes
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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.
FILED
FEB 4 1907
Commissioner.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Freedmon Chawtaw Nation,

of Ernest Bayby [Here insert name of child], born on the 19 day of June 1901.

Name of Father: Andrew Bayby a citizen of the U.S. Nation.

Name of Mother: Pinkie Williams a citizen of the Choctaw Freedmon Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father..... Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw

Postoffice Harris I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
..... District. }

I, ... on oath state that I am.....

years of age and a citizen by..... of the..... Nation;

that I am the lawful wife of....., who is a citizen, by

....., of the..... Nation; that a .....child was
[Male or Female]

born to me on..... day of..... ; that said child has been named

..... and was living March 4, 1906

.....

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] }
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.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this.....day of....., 1906.

.....
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Judie Butler, a Midwife on oath state that I

attended on Pinkie Williams wife of.....

on the 19 day of June 1901; that there was born to her on said date a Male
[Male or Female]

child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Ernest Bayby

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Judie her X Butler
Mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] }
T. L. Johnson
Gains Mayes

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1th day of Feb 1907

N. S. Nutchinson
Notary Public.

17-1233.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 28, 1906.

Andrew Bagby,

Harris, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavit of Julia Butler to the birth of Ernest Bagby, child of Andrew Bagby and Pinkie Williams June 16th, 1900.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

E. C. C.

LYNDIS

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 12, 1906.

Andrew Bagby,

Harris, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Ernest Bagby, as a minor Choctaw freedman, under the Act of April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary for you to furnish this office with new affidavits of the birth of said child, showing whether or not he was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore forwarded do not determine that fact.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter, there is herewith enclosed a new blank which you are requested to have executed and return to this office at an early date, in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for enrollment of said child.

In the application which is on file in this office, the affidavit of the mother is not executed. You are advised

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that if the mother is dead, it will be necessary for you to furnish the affidavits of two disinterested persons who know the date of birth of said child, the names of his parents and whether or not he was living March 4, 1906.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 7, 1907.

Pinkie Williams,

Harris, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Judie Butler and Virgal Butler to the birth of Ernest Bagby, child of Andrew Bagby and Pinkie Williams, June 19, 1901, and the same have been filed.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 16
Lillie Gardner

M. Fr. 16

MINOR 16

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Lillie Gardner

DISMISSED Feb 14 1907

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Lillie Gardner as a Choctaw freedman.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Lillie Gardner

as a ~~citizen of~~

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN Nation.

Approved 190

Commissioner.

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APR 26 1906

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Lillie Gardner, born on the 8th day of Feb. 1901
(Here insert name of child.)

Name of Father: Albert Gardner a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Julia Parnell a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Postoffice Oberlin I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
..... DISTRICT.

I, ..., on oath state that I am ..... years of age and a citizen, by ....., of the ..... Nation; that I am the lawful wife of ....., who is a citizen, by ....., of the ..... Nation; that a ..... (Male or Female.) child was born to me on ..... day of ..... 1..... ; that said child has been named ....., and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) .....

.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... 190.....

.....
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central DISTRICT.

I, Ruth Gardner, a Female, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Julia Parnell, wife of John Williams on the 8th day of Feb, 1901 that there was born to her on said date a male (Male or Female.) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Lillie Williams

Ruth Gardner

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) .....

.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of January 1905.

Thos. H. Hunter
Notary Public.

United States of America,
Central District, Indian Territory.

Jerry H. Hampton, on oath states that he is 46 years old and a f freed man of the Choctaw Nation; that he resides near Oberlin in the Choctaw Nation; that he was personally acquainted with Julia Parnell deceased; that he knows that there was born to Julia Parnell on the 8th day of February, 1901, a female Child; that ~~she~~ said child was named Lillie Gardner and that the said Lillie Gardner is now living

Witness to sig
Orlson Harris
J H Hunter

Jerry H. his Hampton
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 25 day of January, 1905.

Thos H. Hunter

NOTARY PUBLIC.

United States of America,

Central District, Indian Territory.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

United States of America,
Central District Indian Territory.

Mie Graham,on oath states that she is about 40 years old and that she lives near Oberlin,I.T. that she is a freedman of the Choctaw Natin that she was personally acquainted with Julia Parnell,now deceased that she knows that there was borned to Julia Parnell on the 8th,day of February,1901,a female child;that said child was named Lillie Gardner and that the said Lillie Gardner is now living.

D Graham

Subscribed and swern to before me this the 23rd day of January 1905

Thos H. Hunter

Notary Public.

United States of America,
Central District, Indian Territory.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Oberlin, Indian Territory, February 6, 1907.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Lillie Gardner as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, under the Act of Congress, approved April 26, 1906.

Albert Gardner, being first duly sworn and examined, testifies as follows:

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONER:

Q What is your name? A Albert Gardner.
Q How old are you? A About thirty, I guess.
Q What is your postoffice address? A Oberlin.
Q What is the name of your father? A Randell Gardner.
Q What is the name of your mother? A Minerva Suta.
Q Were you ever married to a woman by the name of Julia A. Parnell? A No, sir.
Q Did you ever live with her as husband and wife? A No, sir.
Q Did you ever have a child by her? A Wes, sir.
Q What is the name of the father of Julia A. Parnell? A Cornellius Powels.
Q What is the name of her mother? A Creasie Powels.
Q What was the name of this child? A Lillie.
Q Did you ever make application for the enrollment of Lillie? A Yes, sir.
Q Under what name did you make application to have her enrolled? A Well, I didn't make, but old man Williams did as Lillie Williams.
Q Has the enrollment of this Lillie been approved? A Yes, sir.
Q Have you ever filed for her? A Yes, sir.
Q Under what name did you file for this child? A Lillie Williams.
Q Is this the only child you ever had by Julia Parnell? A Yes, sir.
Q Do you ~~xx~~ know whether application was ever made for the enrollment of this child under the name of Lillie Gardner? A I don't know.
Q When did you file for Lillie Williams? A I don't know exactly, it was before Christmas.
Q This is the only child you ever had by this Julia Parnell and you have filed for her under the name of Lillie Williams, have you? A Yes, sir.

(Witness excused)

I, Fay E. Blackert, stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, upon oath, state that I reported the proceedings in the above and foregoing cause, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of my stenographic notes taken therein.

Fay E Blackert

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of February, 1907.

Richard Shanafelt
Notary Public.

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S.E.F.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Lillie Gardner as a Choctaw freedman.

-: D E C I S I O N :-

It appears from the record herein that application was made for the enrollment of Lillie Gardner as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137).

It further appears from the records of this office that the said applicant, Lillie Gardner, has been enrolled as a Choctaw freedman under the Acts of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stats 495), and July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641), her name appearing as Lillie Williams opposite No. 4989 upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior July 20, 1905, and therefore the application for the enrollment of Lillie Gardner as a Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), is hereby dismissed, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 11, 1906.

John Williams,

Oberlin, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Lillie Williams, as a minor Choctaw freedman, under the Act of April 26, 1906, as amended June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary for you to furnish this office with new affidavits as to the birth of said child showing whether or not she was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore forwarded do not determine that fact.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter, there is herewith enclosed a new blank which you are requested to have executed and return to this office at an early date, in order that proper disposition may be made of the enrollment of said child.

It appears from the affidavits on file in this office as to the birth of said child that the mother is now

dead; in that case, you are advised that it will be necessary that you furnish the affidavits of two disinterested persons who know the date of birth of said child, the names of her parents and whether or not she was living March 4, 1906.

It further appears from the affidavit of Ruth Gardner that she is not a midwife. You are advised that if no physician or midwife was in attendance at the birth of said child, it will be necessary that you furnish the affidavit of two disinterested persons who know the date of birth of said child and whether or not she was living March 4, 1906.

This matter should receive your immediate attention.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Oberlin, Indian Territory, February 6, 1907.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Lillie Gardner as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, under the Act of Congress, approved April 26, 1906.

Albert Gardner, being first duly sworn and examined, testifies as follows:

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONER:

Q What is your name? A Albert Gardner.
Q How old are you? A About thirty, I guess.
Q What is your postoffice address? A Oberlin.
Q What is the name of your father? A Randell Gardner.
Q What is the name of your mother? A Minerva Suta.
Q Were you ever married to a woman by the name of Julia A. Parnell? A No, sir.
Q Did you ever live with her as husband and wife? A No, sir.
Q Did you ever have a child by her? A Yes, sir.
Q What is the name of the father of Julia A. Parnell? A Cornellius Powels.
Q What is the name of her mother? A Creasie Powels.
Q What was the name of this child? A Lillie.
Q Did you ever make application for the enrollment of Lillie? A Yes, sir.
Q Under what name did you make application to have her enrolled? A Well, I didn't make, but old man Williams did as Lillie Williams.
Q Has the enrollment of this Lillie been approved? A Yes, sir.
Q Have you ever filed for her? A Yes, sir.
Q Under what name did you file for this child? A Lillie Williams.
Q Is this the only child you ever had by Julia Parnell? A Yes, sir.
Q Do you ~~xx~~ know whether application was ever made for the enrollment of this child under the name of Lillie Gardner? A I don't know.
Q When did you file for Lillie Williams? A I don't know exactly, it was before Christmas.
Q This is the only child you ever had by this Julia Parnell and you have filed for her under the name of Lillie Williams, have you? A Yes, sir.

(Witness excused)

I, Fay E. Blackert, stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, upon oath, state that I reported the proceedings in the above and foregoing cause, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of my stenographic notes taken therein.

Fay E Blackert

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of February, 1907.

Richard Shanafelt
Notary Public.

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Jimmie Walker

Olive Walker

M. Fr. 17

MINOR 17

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Jimmie Walker

Olive Walker

GRANTED Feb 16 1907

Transferred to 17 322 Feb 16 1907

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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Choctaw Freedmen
(act April 26 1906)

Jimmie Walker
Olive Walker

Granted Feb. 16. 1907

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Amos Lewis

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MINOR 18

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Amos Lewis

Decline to receive Feb 26 1907
Record Forwarded Department Feb 26 1907

Action Approved by Secretary of Interior.
Mar-4 1907

Notice of Departmental Action forwarded
Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw
Nations. Apri 15 1907

Notice of Departmental Action Mailed
Applicant. Apr 15 1907

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 20, 1906.

Amos Lewis

as a citizen of

Choctaw
Chickasaw Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

July 26. 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Copy

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Amos Lewis [Here insert name of child], born on the 13 day of June 1904

Name of Father: Emanuel Lewis a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Lillie Lewis a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Choctaw Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw

Postoffice Fort Towson Ind Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Lillie Lewis on oath state that I am 38 years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Emanuel Lewis, who is a citizen, by adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that a male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 13 day of June 1904; that said child has been named Amos Lewis and was living March 4, 1906.

Lillie Lewis

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Seal) [Must be Two Witnesses] }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of July 1906.

Thomas Fennell

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Ellen Ratford, a midwife; on oath state that I attended on Lillie Lewis, wife of Emanuel Lewis on the 13 day of June 1904; that there was born to her on said date a [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Amos Lewis

Ellen her X mark Ratford

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Seal) [Must be Two Witnesses] Aaron Ratford
E B Ratford

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of July 1906.

Thomas Fennell

Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Amos Lewis

as a citizen of

Choctaw
Choctaw Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

Dec. 20. 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Amos Lewis [Here insert name of child], born on the 13 day of June 1904

Name of Father: Emanuel Lewis a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Lillie Lewis a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Choctaw Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw

Postoffice Fort Towson Ind Ter

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, Central District.

I, Lillie Lewis on oath state that I am ..... years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Emanuel Lewis, who is a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that a male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 13 day of June 1904; that said child has been named Amos Lewis and was living March 4, 1906.

Amos Lewis Lillie Lewis

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Seal)

[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of Dec 1906.

Thomas Fennell

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, Central District.

I, Ellen Ratford, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Lillie Lewis, wife of Emanuel Lewis on the 13 day of June 1904; that there was born to her on said date a male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Amos Lewis

her

Ellen X Ratford

mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Jordan Folsom

[Must be Two witnesses] Lewis Hubatter

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of Dec 1906.

Thomas Fennell

Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 1, 1906.

Emanuel Lewis,

Fort Tawson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It appears from the records of the Commissioner that an application was received at this office on July 25, 1906, for the enrollment of your child, Amos Lewis, as a Choctaw freedman.

You are advised that the time within which applications could be received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of minor children under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expired July 25, 1906.

It has recently been held by the Department that the minor children of Choctaw freedmen who were living on March 4, 1906, are entitled to enrollment provided application was made within the time prescribed by law, or prior to July 25, 1906.

If it is claimed that such an application was made for the enrollment of your child, above named, prior to July 25, 1906, you should appear before the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka

Indian Territory, any time prior to January 1, 1907, for the purpose of presenting testimony relative to the submission of such application within the required time.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

(copy)

Fort Towson, Ind. Ter. Des 19th 1906.

i here By Certify that my Record Show. that on 20 Day of Janery. 1905 i taken taken affidavit of Lillie Lewis & Ellen Ratford To Birth Mose Lewis Born on 13th June 1904.

i Fouther Certify that my Record Show s on 24th Day of July 1906 i taken affidavit of Lillie Lewis & Ellen Ratford to. Birth of Moses Lewis on 13th June 1904.

Give Under my Hand & Seal this is 19th Day of Des. 1906

Thomas Fennell
Notary Public.

(SEAL)

(Endorsed on Back)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
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DEC 20 1906.

Tams Bixby.

(copy)

17-NB-18

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 12, 1907.

Emanel Lewis,

Fort Towson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It appears from the records of the Commissioner that an application was received at this office on December 20, 1906, for the enrollment of your child Amos Lewis as a Choctaw freedman.

You are advised that the time within which applications could be received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of minor children under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expired July 25, 1906.

It has recently been held by the Department that the minor children of Choctaw freedmen who were living on March 4, 1906, are entitled to enrollment provided application was made within the time prescribed by law, or prior to July 25, 1906.

If it is claimed that such an application was made for the enrollment of your child above named prior to July 25, 1906 you should appear at the General Office at Muskogee, Indian Territory any time during the month of January 1907, for the purpose of presenting testimony relative to the submission of such application within the required time.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-NB-18 S.E.F.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Amos Lewis as a Choctaw freedman.

-: D E C I S I O N :-

It appears from the record herein that on July 26, 1906, there was received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes written application for the enrollment of Amos Lewis as a Choctaw freedman.

It further appears from the record herein and from the records of this office that Amos Lewis was born June 13, 1904; that he is the son of Emanel Lewis whose name appears as Emanuel Lewis opposite No. 149 upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior March 6, 1903 and Lillie Lewis whose name appears opposite No. 150 upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior March 6, 1903, and that the mother of said applicant and the attending midwife, Ellen Ratford, executed their respective affidavits to the birth of said applicant July 24, 1906 and December 19, 1906, respectively.

It further appears from the record herein that on December 1, 1906, Emanel Lewis, the father of said applicant, was duly notified that if it was claimed that any application had been made for the enrollment of said applicant as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), he should appear before the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka, Indian Territory, at any time prior to January 1, 1907, for the purpose of giving testimony relative to the submission of such application within the required time, but it does not appear from the records of this office that any appearance was made in response thereto.

It further appears from the record herein that on December 20, 1906, there was received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes a certificate from Thomas Fennell, a notary public, stating that it appeared from his records that on January 20, 1905 and July 24, 1906, there were executed before him the affidavits of Lillie Lewis and Ellen Ratford to the birth of Mose Lewis, born June 13, 1904.

It does not appear from the records of this office that any application of any nature whatsoever was ever made for the enrollment of said applicant as a Choctaw freedman prior to July 26, 1906.

Section two of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), provides:

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"That for ninety days after approval hereof applications shall be received for enrollment of children who were minors living March fourth, nineteen hundred and six, whose parents have been enrolled as members of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee or Creek tribes, or have applications for enrollment pending at the approval hereof, and for the purpose of enrollment under this section illegitimate children shall take the status of the mother, and allotments shall be made to children so enrolled".

I am of the opinion that inasmuch as no application was made for the enrollment of Amos Lewis as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the above Act, I am without auhtority to receive, consider, or make any record of any application for his enrollment as such, and that therefore, I should decline to receive the same, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory.
FEB 26 1907

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 26, 1907.

Emanuel Lewis,

Fort Towson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 26, 1907, declining to receive the application for the enrollment of Amos Lewis as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.
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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 26, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw & Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 26, 1907, declining to receive the application for the enrollment of Amos Lewis as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Incl: 17-NB-18.

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 26, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Amos Lewis as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 26, 1907, declining to receive said application.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Dixby

Commissioner.

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Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON. March 4, 1907.

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LRS.

DIRECT.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Your decisions in the following Choctaw citizenship cases, adverse to the applicants, are hereby affirmed. Copies of Indian Office letters, submitting your reports and recommending that the decisions be affirmed, are enclosed herewith:

Title of Case.	Date of your letter of transmittal.
Carlton Smith (Miss. Choc.)	January 21, 1907.
Mattie McFarland (intermarriage),	October 19, 1906.
Elmer Meadows (freedman),	February 13, 1907.
Daniel Oscar Sledge, et al., (by blood),	February 14, 1907.
Mula Lewis (freedman),	February 14, 1907.
Henry Adams (freedman),	February 14, 1907.
Mattie Doak (intermarriage),	February 13, 1907.
Clyde R. Coleman (by blood),	February 21, 1907.
Alice Chatman (freedman),	February 21, 1907.
Jim Brown (freedman),	February 21, 1907.
John Frankling Brewer (by blood),	February 21, 1907.
Cordelia Frazier, et al., (freedmen),	February 21, 1907.
John Herbert LeFlore (freedman),	February 23, 1907.

Mabel M. Jones, et al. (by blood),	February 21, 1907.
Charles H. Hopkins, et al. (Choctaw or Chickasaw freedman)	February 23, 1907.
T. L. Reid, Jr., et al. (by blood),	February 26, 1907.
Albert James (by blood),	February 26, 1907.
Arella Colbert, et al. (as citizens),	February 26, 1907.
John D. Fleming (by blood),	February 26, 1907.
Edmond Macee Cohee (freedman),	February 26, 1907.
Temperence Caroline Batty (by blood),	February 26, 1907.
Ames Lewis (freedman),	February 26, 1907.
Mary A. Crowder (intermarriage),	February 26, 1907.
Cally Reives (freedman),	February 26, 1907.
W. J. Miller, et al. (Miss. Choc.),	February 7, 1903.
Henry Pruitt, et al.,	February 25, 1907.

A copy hereof and all the papers in the above mentioned cases have been sent to the Indian Office.

Respectfully,

E. A. Hitchcock,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON. March 2, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from Commissioner Bixby, dated February 26, 1907, enclosing record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Amos Lewis as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner of February 26, 1907, declining to receive the application.

The record shows that Amos Lewis was born June 13, 1904; is the son of Emanel Lewis, whose name appears as Emanuel Lewis opposite No. 149 on a final roll of Choctaw freedmen, and Lillie Lewis opposite No. 150 on the final roll of Choctaw freedmen. The records of the office of Commissioner Bixby do not show that any application of any nature whatsoever was made for the enrollment of the applicant as a Choctaw freedman prior to July 26, 1906.

Inasmuch as no application was made for the enrollment within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stat. L., 137), the Office is of the opinion that the decision of the Commissioner, declining to receive

the application, is correct, and it is recommended that it be affirmed.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 15, 1907.

Emanuel Lewis,

Fort Towson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on March 4, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of February 26, 1907, declining to receive the application for the enrollment of Amos Lewis as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

~~Geo. D. Rodgers.~~ Tams Bixby

~~Acting~~ Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 15, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that on March 4, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of February 26, 1907, declining to receive the application for the enrollment of Amos Lewis as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

~~Geo. D. Rodgers.~~
James Bixby
~~ACTING~~ Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 25, 1906.

Emanel Lewis,

Ft. Towson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

There have been received at this office affidavits of Lillie Lewis and Ellen Ratford to the birth of Amos Lewis, child of Emanel and Lillie Lewis, June 13, 1904.

You will be notified of the action taken upon these affidavits.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 24, 1906.

Emanuel Lewis,

Fort Towson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 19, 1906, inclosing affidavits of Lillie Lewis, Ellen Ratford and Thomas Fennell to the birth of Amos Lewis, child of Emanuel and Lillie Lewis, June 13, 1904.

As you were advised on December 1, 1906, the time within which applications could be received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of minor children under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expired July 25, 1906.

It has recently been held by the Department that the minor children of Choctaw freedmen who were living on March 4, 1906, are entitled to enrollment provided application was made within the time prescribed by law, or prior to July 25, 1906.

If it is claimed that such an application was made for the enrollment of your child, above named, prior to July 25, 1906, you should appear before the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka, Indian Territory, any time prior to January 1, 1907 for the purpose of pre-

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senting testimony relative to the submission of such application with in the required time.

Respectfully,

Wm. O. Beall.

Acting Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON. March 2, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from Commissioner Bixby, dated February 26, 1907, enclosing record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Amos Lewis as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner of February 26, 1907, declining to receive the application.

The record shows that Amos Lewis was born June 13, 1904; is the son of Emanel Lewis, whose name appears as Emanuel Lewis opposite No. 149 on a final roll of Choctaw freedmen, and Lillie Lewis opposite No. 150 on the final roll of Choctaw freedmen. The records of the office of Commissioner Bixby do not show that any application of any nature whatsoever was made for the enrollment of the applicant as a Choctaw freedman prior to July 26, 1906.

Inasmuch as no application was made for the enrollment within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stat. L., 137), the Office is of the opinion that the decision of the Commissioner, declining to receive

the application, is correct, and it is recommended that it be affirmed.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON. March 4, 1907.

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DIRECT.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Your decisions in the following Choctaw citizenship cases, adverse to the applicants, are hereby affirmed. Copies of Indian Office letters, submitting your reports and recommending that the decisions be affirmed, are enclosed herewith:

Title of Case.	Date of your letter of transmittal.
Carlton Smith (Miss. Choc.)	January 21, 1907.
Mattie McFarland (intermarriage),	October 19, 1906.
Elmer Meadows (freedman),	February 13, 1907.
Daniel Oscar Sledge, et al., (by blood),	February 14, 1907.
Nula Lewis (freedman),	February 14, 1907.
Henry Adams (freedman),	February 14, 1907.
Mattie Doak (intermarriage),	February 13, 1907.
Clyde R. Coleman (by blood),	February 21, 1907.
Alice Chatman (freedman),	February 21, 1907.
Jim Brown (freedman),	February 21, 1907.
John Frankling Brewer (by blood),	February 21, 1907.
Cordelia Frazier, et al., (freedmen),	February 21, 1907.
John Herbert LeFlore (freedman),	February 23, 1907.

Mabel M. Jones, et al. (by blood),	February 21, 1907.
Charles H. Hopkins, et al. (Choctaw or Chickasaw freedman)	February 23, 1907.
T. L. Reid, Jr., et al. (by blood),	February 26, 1907.
Albert James (by blood),	February 26, 1907.
Arella Colbert, et al. (as citizens),	February 26, 1907.
John D. Fleming (by blood),	February 26, 1907.
Edmond Macco Cohee (freedman),	February 26, 1907.
Temperence Caroline Batty (by blood),	February 26, 1907.
Ames Lewis (freedman),	February 26, 1907.
Mary A. Crowder (intermarriage),	February 26, 1907.
Cally Reives (freedman),	February 26, 1907.
W. J. Miller, et al. (Miss. Choc.),	February 7, 1903.
Henry Pruitt, et al.,	February 25, 1907.

A copy hereof and all the papers in the above mentioned cases have been sent to the Indian Office.

Respectfully,

E. A. Hitchcock,

Secretary.

26 enclosures, and
63 enclosures to Ind. Of.,
with copy hereof.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 23, 1907.

Emanuel Lewis,

Fort Towson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 17, 1907, in which you state that the affidavit to the birth of your child was mailed before July 25, 1906 and you think the record will show that this child was entitled to enrollment.

In reply to your letter you are advised that on February 26, 1907, the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes declined to receive the application for the enrollment of Amos Lewis, child of Emanuel and Lillie Lewis, for the reason that application for his enrollment was not received at this office until July 26, 1906 and on March 4, 1907, this action was approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Harry Frazier

Curley Frazier

M. Fr. 19

MINOR 19

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Harry Frazier

Curley Frazier

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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Harry Frazier

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner To The Five Civilized Tribes.

Enrollment of Minors. Act of Congress, Approved April 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Harry Krazzure, born on the 20th day of July 1906.
Here insert name of child.
Name of Father: Willie Krazzure a citizen of the Choctaw Nation
Name of Mother: Emma Krazzure a citizen of the Choctaw Nation
Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw
Postoffice Kiowa Indian T.

Affidavit of Mother.

UNITED STATES of AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, ~~Ann Kirk~~ Emma Krazzure on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Willie Krazzure who is a citizen, by adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that a male child was born to me on 20th day of July, 1905; that said child has been named Harry Krazzure and was living March 4, 1906.

Male or Female.

Emma her X mark Krazzure

WITNESSES TO MARK:
Must be two Witnesses.
Frank Nolen
Jahnnie Frazier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day July 1906.

Sam E. Wright
Notary Public,

Sam E. Wright Deputy Clerk

Affidavit of Attending Physician or MID-WIFE

UNITED STATES of AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Ann Kirk, a Midwife on oath state that I attended on Emma Krazzure wife of Willie Krazzure on the 20th day of July 06; that there was born to her on said date a male child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Harry Krazzure

Male or Female.

Ann her X mark Kirk

WITNESSES MARK:
Must be two Witnesses.
Frank Nolen
Jahnnie Frazier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of July 1906.

Sam E. Wright
Notary Public.

Sam E. Wright Deputy Clerk

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

Department of the Interior,

Commissioner To The Five Civilized Tribes.

Enrollment of Minors. Act of Congress, Approved April 26, 1906

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Curley Frazier, born on the 3 day of January 1903.
Here insert name of child.

Name of Father: Willie Frazier a citizen of the Choctaw Nation

Name of Mother: Emma (Woods) Frazier a citizen of the Choctaw Nation

Tribal enrollment of father Choc. Dead Tribal enrollment of mother Choc. Dead

Postoffice Hallitucheto, I. T.

Affidavit of Mother.

UNITED STATES of AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Cent. District.

I, Emma (Woods) Frazier on oath state that I am ... years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Willie Frazier who is a citizen, by adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that a male child was born to me on 3 day of Janiy, 1903; that said child has been named Curley Frazier and was living March 4, 1906.

Emma x Frazure
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
[Must be two Witnesses.]
Frank Stobe
Jahnnie Frazier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of July 1906.

Sam F. Wright
Notary Public,

Sam F. Wright
Notary Public
I.T.

Affidavit of Attending Physician or MID-WIFE

UNITED STATES of AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Annie Kirk, a mid-wife on oath state that I attended on Emma (Woods) Frazier wife of Willie Frazier on the 3 day of Janiy 1903; that there was born to her on said date a male child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Curley Frazier

Annie x Kirks
mark

WITNESSES MARK:
Must be two Witnesses.
Frank Stobe
Jahnnie Frazier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of July 1906.

Sam F. Wright
Notary Public.

Sam F. Wright
Notary Public
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Harry Frazier

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved FEB 9 1907 190...

Commissioner.

Date of Birth
June 20, 1905

JAN 25 1907

Original application
was received
1744 9 June 25, 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Harry Frazier [Here insert name of child], born on the 20th day of July 1906
Name of Father: Willie Frazier a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Name of Mother: Emma Frazier a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Tribal enrollment of father Choctaw Freedmon Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw Freedmon
Postoffice Kullituckla

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Emma Frazier on oath state that I am 24
years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation;
that I am the lawful wife of Willie Frazier, who is a citizen, by
adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that a male [Male or Female] child was
born to me on the 20th day of July 1906; that said child has been named
Harry Frazier and was living March 4, 1906.

Emma Frazier

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 17th day of January 1907
S. S. Wright
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Ann Kirks, a mid wife, on oath state that I
attended on Emma Frazier, wife of Willie Frazier
on the 20th day of July 1906; that there was born to her on said date a male [Male or Female]
child: that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named
Harry Frazier

her
Ann x Kirks
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] }
Simon Williams
S. S. Wright

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 17th day of January 1907
S. S. Wright
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Curley Frazier

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved FEB 9 1907 190...

Commissioner.

Date of Birth
Jan 3. 1903.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

JAN 25 1907

COMMISSIONER.

Original application received July 25, 1906.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Curley Frazier, born on the 3rd day of Jan 1903
[Here insert name of child]
Name of Father: Willie Frazier a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Name of Mother: Emma Frazier a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
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AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Emma Frazier, on oath state that I am 24
years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Chactaw Nation;
that I am the lawful wife of Willie Frazier, who is a citizen, by
adoption of the Chactaw Nation; that a Male child was
[Male or Female]
born to me on 3rd day of January 1903; that said child has been named
Curley Frazier and was living March 4, 1906.

Emma Frazier

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] } D. L. Wright

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 17th day of January 1907

D. L. Wright
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Ann Kirks, a Mid Wife on oath state that I
attended on Emma Frazier wife of Willie Frazier
on the 3rd day of Janndy 1903; that there was born to her on said date a Male
[Male or Female]
child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named
Curley Frazier

her
Ann x Kirks
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] } Simon Williams
D. L. Wright

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 17th day of January 1907

D. L. Wright
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Courley Frazier

as a citizen of

the Cherokee Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

Department of the Interior,
Commissioner to Five Civilized
Tribes.

FILED Feb. 1-07.

Commissioner.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Curley Frazier [Here insert name of child], born on the 3rd day of Jan 1903

Name of Father: Willie Frazier a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Emma Frazier a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Wallitinnello, I T

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Emma Frazier, on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Willie Frazier, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 3rd day of January 1903 that said child has been named Curley Frazier and was living March 4, 1906.

Emma Frazier

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of January 1907

O. F. Waighill

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Ann Kirks, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Emma Frazier, wife of Willie Frazier, on the 3rd day of January 1903; that there was born to her on said date a Male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Curley Frazier

her
Ann × Kirks
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { Richard Wortham
Cwerilla Adams

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of January 1907

O. F. Waighill

Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Harry Frazier

as a citizen of

the Choctaw Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

Department Interior
commissioner to Five Civilized Tribes
Filed - Feb. 1907

Commissioner

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as ~~a citizen~~ of the Freedman Choctaw Nation,

of Harry Frazier [Here insert name of child] born on the 20th day of July 1905

Name of Father: Willie Frazier ~~a citizen~~ of the Freedmen Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Emma Frazier ~~a citizen~~ of the Freedmen Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Choctaw Freedmen Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw Freedmen

Postoffice Kullituklo, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Emma Frazier, on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Willie Frazier, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 20th day of July, 1905 that said child has been named Harry Frazier and was living March 4, 1906.

Emma Frazier

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of January 1907

O. F. Wright
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Ann Kirks, a midwife, on oath state that I ~~attended on~~ Emma Frazier wife of Willie Frazier on the 20th day of July 1905; that there was born to her on said date a Male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Harry Frazier

her
Ann × Kirks
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { Richard Wortham
Cweaille Adams

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of January 1907

O. F. Wright
Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 28, 1906.

Willie Frazier,

Kullituklo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the applications for enrollment of your children, Harry and Curley Frazier, as minor Choctaw freedmen under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are advised that it will be necessary that you furnish new affidavits to the birth of these children as those heretofore forwarded have not been properly executed. In one application the name of the mother appears in the body of each affidavit as Emma Frazier while in her signature it appears as Emma Frazzure. Inasmuch as the name of this person upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen is Emma Frazier the affidavits should be executed in this name and her name should so appear in the body of the affidavit and in the signature. In the other application theyear in which the child was born has been omitted in the affidavit of the midwife. The seal of the Notary is also defective as it is only a pencil scroll while it should be made by an impression seal. In having the new affidavits executed you should be careful to see that all names are written correctly and in full and that the Notary before whom they are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each

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affidavit.

There are inclosed herewith new blanks which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the applications for enrollment of these children.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 28, 1907.

Willie Frazier,

Kullituoklo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Emma Frazier and Ann Kirks to the birth of Curley Frazier, child of Willie Frazier and Emma Frazier, January 3, 1903; also affidavits of Emma Frazier and Ann Kirks to the birth of Harry Frazier, child of Willie Frazier and Emma Frazier, July 20, 1905, and the same have been filed in the matter of the enrollment of your children, Curley and Harry Frazier.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-NB-19

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 6, 1907.

Emma Frazier,

Kullituklo, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Emma Frazier and Ann Kirks to the birth of Curley Frazier and Harry Frazier, children of Willie and Emma Frazier, January 3, 1903 and July 20, 1905, respectively, and the same have been filed with the record in the matter of the enrollment of said children as minor Choctaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Roll Chact. No. 4852

Willie Frazier

Roll Choctaw No. 492

Emma Woodo-

Also Emma Woodo mother name is Bathaya Washington father name is John Woodo = Willie Frazier - father name is Jerry Frazier - mother name is Sapha Frazier -

Choc. M. Fr. 20

Mannie Guess

Idabell Guess

M. Fr. 20

MINOR 20

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Mannie Guess

Idabell Guess

Decline to receive Feb 27 1907

Record Forwarded Department Feb 27 1907

Action Approved by Secretary of Interior. Apr 4- 1907

Notice of Departmental Action Forwarded Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. Apr 9 1907

Notice of Departmental Action Mailed Applicant. Apr 9 1907

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

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as a citizen of

..... Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS. APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Mannie Guess [Here insert name of child], born on the 19 day of Feby 1903

Name of Father: Charley Guess a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Ida Guess a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Choctaw freedman enrollment of mother Choctaw freedman

Postoffice Hamden I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Ida Guess on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Charley Guess, who is a citizen, by adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that a Female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 19 day of Feby 1903; that said child has been named Mannie Guess and was living March 4, 1906.

Ida Guess

Seal

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of Oct 1906.

E B Adams,
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Dicy Hunter, Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Ida Guess, wife of Charley Guess on the 19 day of Feby 1903; that there was born to her on said date a Female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Mannie Guess

x Dicy Hunter

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Martin Guess
Rev J. L. Dumas

[Must be Two witnesses] }

Seal

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of Oct 1906.

E B Adams
Notary Public.

My Commission Expires Aug 8th 1908.

N.B. 20 Oct 3 1906

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Isabelle Guess

as a citizen of

..... Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Idabell [Here insert name of child], born on the Oct day of 15 1904

Name of Father: Charley Guess a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Ida Guess a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Choctaw freedman enrollment of mother Choctaw freedman

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AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Ida Guess, on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Charley Guess, who is a citizen, by adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that a Female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 15 day of Oct 1904 that said child has been named Idabell Guess, and was living March 4, 1906.

Ida Guess

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Seal [Must be Two Witnesses] }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of Oct. 1906.

E B Adams
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Dicy Hunter, a Midwife on oath state that I attended on Ida Guess wife of Charley Guess on the 15 day of Oct 1904 that there was born to her on said date a Female [Male or Female] child: that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Idabell Guess

Dicy Hunter.

Seal.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Martin Guess
Rev. J. L. Dumas.

[Must be Two witnesses] }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of Oct 1906.

E B Adams
Notary Public.

My Commission Expires Aug 8th 1908.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,
CHOCTAW LAND OFFICE.

Atoka, Indian Territory, December 31, 1906.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR THE ENROLLMENT
of Mannie and Idabell Guess as Choctaw Freedmen.

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CHARLEY GUESS, being duly sworn, testifies as follows:

By the Commissioner:

Q What is your name? A Charley Guess.
Q How old are you? A I am about thirty-five, I guess.
Q What is your post office address? A Hamden:- I expect it would be best to put it Antlers.
Q Are you a Choctaw Freedman? A Yes, sir.
Q Have you been enrolled as a Choctaw Freedman? A Yes, sir.
Q Have you filed on your allotment of land in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes, sir.
Q What is the name of your father? A John Guess.
Q What is the name of your mother? A Dicey Hunter.
Q Have you any brothers? A Yes, sir.
Q What kin to you are Isaac and Ike Guess? A They are my sons.
Q Are they both now living? A No, sir; just Ikey is living.
Q Isaac Guess, then, is dead? A Yes, sir.
Q Do you spell your name G-u-e-s-s or G-u-e-s-s-t? A Some of them spells it G-u-e-s-s-t and some spells it G-u-e-s-s.

The name of Charley Guess is identified on the approved roll of Choctaw Freedmen as Charley Guesst, at No. 2383, and on Choctaw Freedman Field Card No. 1166, at No. 1 thereon.

Q What is the name of the mother of Mannie and Idabell Guess? A Ida Guess.
Q Is she a Choctaw Freedman? A Yes, sir; I guess so.
Q Has she filed on her allotment? A No, sir.
Q Has she ever been enrolled by the Commissioner as a Choctaw Freedman? A Yes, sir; she went to Muskogee.
Q Has her enrollment been approved as a Choctaw Freedman? A She hasn't got the land, I don't believe: she wrote to them not long ago, and they wrote back to her they hadn't sent it off.

It appears from Choctaw Freedman New-Born Card No. 20 that the name of Ida Guess is listed on Choctaw Freedman Roll Card No. D - 208.

Q There were received by the Commissioner on October 3, 1906, applications for the enrolment of Mannie and Idabell Guess as Choctaw Freedman, and the affidavits of Ida Guess, the mother of said Mannie and Idabell Guess, and Dicy Hunter, the midwife

who was in attendance at the time of the birth of said child; which affidavits were signed and executed before E. B. Adams, a notary public, on October 2, 1906: were you present when these affidavits were signed and executed? A No, sir; I wasn't there, but my wife was.

Q Do you know what became of these affidavits after they were signed and executed? A No, sir: I guess they put them in the post office and they went off.

Q Did you understand that they went immediately to the Commissioner at Muskogee? A I guess so: they put them in the post office.

Q Did you ever make application for the enrollment of these two children prior to October 2, 1906? A Yes, sir: I went to Hugo, but the people was so full I couldn't get in at the time: I went there, but there was so many people there I couldn't get in.

Q Was that on December 13, 1904? A Yes, sir.

Q Who was there enrolling children at that time? A I don't know his name.

Q Were you not able to make out the application for the enrollment of these children and have the proper affidavits signed and executed at that time? A No, sir; went two days, and I couldn't get in any day.

Q That is the only effort you made prior to October 2, 1906, for the enrollmentof these two children? A Yes, sir.

Witness Excused.

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A. L. Irvine, being first duly sworn, states that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes taken in said cause on said date.

A. L. Irvine

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this January 2, 1907.

W. P. Angell

Notary Public.

17-NB-20 S.E.F.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the alleged application for the enrollment of Mannie Guess and Idabell Guess as Choctaw freedmen.

-: D E C I S I O N :-

It appears from the record herein that on October 3, 1906, there were received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes written applications for the enrollment of Mannie Guess and Idabell Guess as Choctaw freedmen.

It further appears from the record herein and from the records of this office that said Mannie Guess and Idabell Guess were born February 19, 1903 and October 15, 1904, respectively; that they are the children of Charley Guess whose name appears as Charley Guesst opposite No. 2283 upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 8, 1903, and Ida Guess whose application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman was denied by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes February 27, 1907 and on the same date the record in said application was forwarded to the Department.

It further appears from the record herein that on December 31, 1906, Charley Guess, the father of said applicants, appeared before the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes at Atoka, Indian Territory, for the purpose of showing whether or not any application had been made for the enrollment of said applicants as Choctaw freedmen within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137).

On said date Charley Guess testified that on December 13, 1904, he attempted to make application for the enrollment of said applicants at Hugo, Indian Territory, but owing to the number of people who were present for the purpose of making application he was unable "to get in", and that was the only effort that he ever made prior to October 2, 1906.

The records of this office show that no appointments were held at any time during the year 1904 at Hugo, Indian Territory, for the purpose of receiving applications for enrollment.

It does not appear from the records of this office that any application of any nature whatsoever was ever made for the enrollment of said applicant as Choctaw freedmen prior to July 26, 1906.

I am of the opinion that the evidence fails to estab-

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lish that any application was ever made for the enrollment of Mannie Guess and Idabell Guess as Choctaw freedmen within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), and that therefore, I am without authority to receive, consider, or make any record of any application for their enrollment as such, and that I should decline to receive the same, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

FEB 27 1907

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 27, 1907.

Ida Guess,

Hamden, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 27, 1907, declining to receive the application for the enrollment of Mannie Guess and Idabell Guess as Choctaw freedmen.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.

Incl. 17-MB-20.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 27, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Nannie Guess and Idabell Guess as Choctaw freedmen, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 27, 1907, declining to receive said application.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

2 Incl. 17-NB-20.

Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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17-NB-20.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 27, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 27, 1907, declining to receive the application for the enrollment of Mannie Guess and Idabell Guess as Choctaw freedmen.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Incl. 17-NB-20.

D. C. 13274. SPECIAL. CRW.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, S.P.

WASHINGTON.

I. T. D. 7908-1907. March 4, 1907.
LRS.

DIRECT.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

March 2, 1907, the Indian Office transmitted the record, together with your adverse decisions in the following enrolment cases, concurring in your decisions:

Title of Case.

Dora Riley, et al. (intermarried Choc.)

George Crawford (intermarried Choc.)
Abraham H. Nail, et al. (Choctaw).
Mannie Guess, et al. (Choctaw freed.)
Noel Walker (Choc. freed.)
Patsie Alexander (Choc. freed.)
Arie Lewis (intermarried Choc.)
George Rosenthal (intermarried Choc.)
Ada Welsh, et al. (Choc. by blood)
William E. Moore, et al. (Choc. by blood)
William B. Hill, et al. (Choctaw)
James A. Blackburn, et al. (Cherokee)
Andrew T. Watie, et al. (Cherokee freed.)

The Department cannot concur in your decision in the case of Dora Riley, applicant for enrolment as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

In view of the opinion of the Attorney General in the case of William C. Thompson, et al., you are directed to enroll the said Dora Riley as a citizen by intermarriage of the Choctaw Nation.

The application for the enrolment of her child Florence L. Riley is denied in accordance with your decision.

The Department cannot concur in your decision adverse to George Crawford, applicant for enrolment as a citizen by intermarriage of the Choctaw Nation, as he was married to a woman admitted to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation by the Commission in 1896. You are accordingly directed to enroll him as a citizen by intermarriage of the Choctaw Nation.

In the other cases submitted, the Department concurs in your decision adverse to the applicants.

They are accordingly affirmed.

The papers have been sent to the Indian Office, together with a copy hereof.

Respectfully,

E. A. Hitchcock,

Secretary.

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Refer in reply to the following. (COPY)

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D. C. 13274.

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON. March 2, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There are forwarded herewith several reports from Commissioner Bixby, transmitting the records in certain citizenship cases, together with the decisions of the Commissioner, denying the applications for the enrollment of all the persons involved in the following cases:

CHEROKEES BY BLOOD.

21809. James A. Blackburn, et al.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

21808. Andrew T. Watie, et al.

CHOCTAWS BY BLOOD.

21783. William B. Hill, et al.

21782. William E. Moore, et al.

21779. Abraham H. Nail, et al.

21778. Dora, et al.

21775. Ada Welsh, et al.

CHOCTAWS BY INTERMARRIAGE.

21778. Dora, et al.

21779. Abraham H. Nail, et al.

21781. George Rosenthal.

21780. Arie Lewis.

21776. George Crawford.

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN.

21784. Patsie Alexander.

21785. Noel Walker.

21777. Hannie and Isabell Gue.

The Office has examined the record in each of the above cases and recommends that the decisions of the Commissioner denying the applications of the persons involved therein be approved.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

AJW:LM

17-MB-20

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 9, 1907.

Ida Guess,

Hamden, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

You are hereby advised that on March 4, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of February 27, 1907, declining to receive the application for the enrollment of Mannie Guess and Idabel Guess as Choctaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rodgers.

Acting Commissioner.

17-MB-20.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 9, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that on March 4, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of February 27, 1907, declining to receive the application for the enrollment of Mannie Guess and Idabell Guess as Choctaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Acting Commissioner.

17-NB-20

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 1, 1906.

Ida Guess,

Hamden, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

It appears from the records of the Commissioner that an application was received at this office on October 3, 1906, for the enrollment of your children, Mannie and Idabel Guess as Choctaw freedmen.

You are advised that the time within which applications could be received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of minor children under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expired July 25, 1906.

It has recently been held by the Department that the minor children of Choctaw freedmen who were living on March 4, 1906, are entitled to enrollment provided application was made within the time prescribed by law, or prior to July 25, 1906.

It is claimed that such an application was made for the enrollment of your children above named, prior to July 25, 1906, you should appear before the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka, Indian Terri-

tory, any time prior to January 1, 1907, for the purpose of presenting testimony relative to the submission of such application within the required time.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Refer in reply to the following. (COPY)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

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WASHINGTON. March 2, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There are forwarded herewith several reports from Commissioner Bixby, transmitting the records in certain citizenship cases, together with the decisions of the Commissioner, denying the applications for the enrollment of all the persons involved in the following cases:

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21778. Dora, et al.

21775. Ada Welch, et al.

CHOCTAWS BY INTERMARRIAGE.

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21779. Abraham M. Nail, et al.

21781. George Rosenthal.

21780. Arie Lewis.

21778. George Crawford.

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN.

21784. Patsie Alexander.

21785. Wesl Walker.

21777. Hannie and Isabell Gue.

The Office has examined the record in each of the above cases and recommends that the decisions of the Commissioner denying the applications of the persons involved therein be approved.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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Special. CRW.

D. C. 13274.
I. T. D. 7908-1907.
LRS.
DIRECT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, S. P.
WASHINGTON. March 4, 1907.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

March 2, 1907, the Indian Office transmitted the record, together with your adverse decisions in the following enrolment cases, concurring in your decisions:

Title of Case.

Dora Riley, et al. (intermarried Choc.)
George Crawford (intermarried Choc.)
Abraham H. Nail, et al. (Choctaw).
Mannie Guess, et al. (Choctaw freed.)
Noel Walker (Choc. freed.)
Patsie Alexander (Choc. freed.)
Arie Lewis (intermarried Choc.)
George Rosenthal (intermarried Choc.)
Ada Welsh, et al. (Choc. by blood)
William E. Moore, et al. (Choc. by blood)
William B. Hill, et al. (Choctaw)
James A. Blackburn, et al. (Cherokee)
Andrew T. Watie, et al. (Cherokee freed.)

The Department cannot concur in your decision in the case of Dora Riley, applicant for enrolment as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

In view of the opinion of the Attorney General in the case of William C. Thompson, et al., you are directed to enroll the said Dora Riley as a citizen by intermarriage of the Choctaw Nation.

The application for the enrolment of her child Florence

L. Riley is denied in accordance with your decision.

The Department cannot concur in your decision adverse to George Crawford, applicant for enrolment as a citizen by intermarriage of the Choctaw Nation, as he was married to a woman admitted to citizenship in the Choctaw Nation by the Commission in 1896. You are accordingly directed to enroll him as a citizen by intermarriage of the Choctaw Nation.

In the other cases submitted, the Department concurs in your decisions adverse to the applicants.

They are accordingly affirmed.

The papers have been sent to the Indian Office, together with a copy hereof.

Respectfully,

E. A. Hitchcock,

Secretary.

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Bettie Fulsom

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MINOR ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Bettie Fulsom

DISMISSED Feb 14 1907

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Bettie Fulsom as a Choctaw freedman.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Bettie Folsom,

as a ~~citizen~~ freedman of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved 190

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the ~~Creek~~ Choctaw Nation,

of Bettie Fulsom (Here insert name of child.), born on the 20th day of December, 1902

Name of Father: Albert Fulsom, Freedman, a citizen of the Creek Nation.

Name of Mother: Dinnie Fulsom, Freedman, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Postoffice Bentiesville I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Western DISTRICT.

I, Dinnie Fulsom, Freedman, on oath state that I am 26 years of age and a citizen by ..., of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Albert Fulsom, Freedman, who is a citizen, by ..., of the Creek Nation; that a Female (Male or Female.) child was born to me on 20th day of December, 1902; that said child has been named Bettie Fulsom, and was living March 4, 1905.

her
Dinnie X Fulsom
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses) J. B. Morrow Checotah I.T.
J. C. Faulkner " "

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of May, 1905.

My Commission Expires ...

J. B. Morrow
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Western DISTRICT.

I, Dina Manuel, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Dinnie Fulsom, wife of Albert Fulsom on the 20th day of December, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a Female (Male or Female.) child; that said child was living March 4, 1905, and is said to have been named Bettie Fulsom

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Dina X Manuel
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) J. B. Morrow Checotah I.T.
J. C. Faulkner " "

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of May, 1905.

My Commission Expires July ..., 1907

J. B. Morrow.
Notary Public.

17-NB-21 S.E.F.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Bettie Fulsom as a Choctaw freedman.

-: D E C I S I O N :-

It appears from the record herein that application was made for the enrollment of Bettie Fulsom as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137).

It further appears from the records of this office that said applicant, Bettie Fulsom, has been enrolled as a Creek freedman under the Act of Congress approved March 3, 1905 (33 Stats., 1060), her name appearing opposite No. 734 upon the final roll of Creek freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior December 4, 1906, and therefore the application for the enrollment of Bettie Fulsom as a Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), is hereby dismissed, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory.
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Ora Fulsom

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MINOR 22

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Ora Fulsom

GRANTED Feb 23 1907

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Ora Folsom as a Choctaw freedman.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Ora Falsom

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved 190

Commissoner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a Freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Ora Fulsom (Here insert name of child), born on the 17 day of September, 1903

Name of Father: Cooper Fulsom a Freedman Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Nettie Fulsom a Freedman Choctaw Nation.

Post-office Bokchito I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Nettie Fulsom, on oath state that I am 33 years of age and a Freedman by birth, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Cooper Fulsom, who is a Freedman by Birth, of the Coctaw Nation; that a Female (Male or female) child was born to me on 17 day of September, 1903; that said child has been named Ora Fulsom, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Nettie Fulsom

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of April, 1904

A. F. Moore

NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Bettie Prince, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Nettie Fulsom, wife of Cooper Fulsom, on the 17 day of September 1903, ; that there was born to her on said date a Female (MALE OR FEMALE) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Ora Fulsom

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Bettie her x mark Prince

Mary Pate

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of April, 1904

A. F. Moore

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

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as a citizen of

..... Nation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Ora Falsaw [Here insert name of child], born on the 17 day of Sept 1903

Name of Father: Cooper Falsaw a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Nettie Falsaw a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father 1815 Tribal enrollment of mother 4769

Postoffice Bokchito Red Ler

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Nettie Falsaw, on oath state that I am 36 years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Cooper Falsaw, who is a citizen, by adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that a Female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 17th day of Sept 1903; that said child has been named Ora Falsaw and was living March 4, 1906.

Nettie Falsaw

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of Jan 1907

Frank Lewis
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Betty Prince, a Mid-Wife, on oath state that I attended on Nettie Falsaw, wife of ~~Cooper Falsaw~~, on the 17th day of Sept 1903; that there was born to her on said date a Female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Ora Falsaw

by Betty Prince

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] } N. F. Cochnauer
W. A. Lewis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of Jan 1907

Frank Lewis
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Ora Fulsom

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Ora Folsom [Here insert name of child], born on the 17 day of Sept. 1903

Name of Father: Cooper Folsom a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Nettie Folsom a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father 1815 Tribal enrollment of mother 4769

Postoffice Bokchito I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Nettie Folsom on oath state that I am 36 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Cooper Folsom, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 17th day of Sept. 1903; that said child has been named Ora Folsom, and was living March 4, 1906.

Nettie Folsom

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31-11 day of Jan 1907

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
District. }

I, , a , on oath state that I attended on , wife of on the day of 1 ; that there was born to her on said date a [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of 1906.

Notary Public.

17-NB-22. S.E.F.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Ora Fulsom as a Choctaw freedman.

D E C I S I O N.

It appears from the record herein that application was duly made for the enrollment of Ora Fulsom as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137).

It further appears from the record herein and from the records of this office that said Ora Fulsom was born September 17, 1903, and was living March 4, 1906, and that she is the daughter of Cooper Fulsom, whose name appears opposite No. 1815 upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 8, 1903, and Nettie Folsom, whose name (as Nettie Fulsom) appears opposite No. 4769 upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior November 16, 1904.

I am of the opinion that Ora Fulsom should be enrolled as a Choctaw freedman under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), as amended by the Act of Congress approved June 21, 1906 (34 Stats., 325), and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

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Muskogee, IndianTerritory, February 23, 1907.

Cooper Folsom,

Bokchito, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 18, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of Ora Fulsom as a Choctaw freedman.

You are hereby advised that the name of Ora Fulsom has been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval. You will be notified of Departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Registered.

Incl. 17-NB-22

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 23, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:-

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 18, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of Ora Fulsom as a Choctaw freedman.

You are hereby advised that the name of Ora Fulsom has been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval. You will be notified of Departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Registered.
Incl. 17-NB-22

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 22, 1904.

Cooper Fulsom,

Bokohito, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Nettie Fulsom and Bettie Prince, relative to the birth of your infant daughter, Ora Fulsom, September 17, 1903, which it is presumed have been forwarded as an application for enrollment of said child as a Choctaw freedman.

Under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved July 1, 1902, you are advised that the Commission is now without authority to receive or consider the original application for enrollment of any person whomsoever as a citizen or freedman of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 28, 1906.

Cooper Folsom,

Bochito, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your minor child, Ora Folsom, as a Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with a new affidavit of the mother to the birth of this child. The new affidavit of the mother which was received at this office January 25, 1907 is defective in that the notary has failed to attach his seal.

There is enclosed herewith a new blank properly filled except as to the signatures. You are requested to have the same properly executed before a notary public at once and return the same promptly so that it will reach this office prior to February 3, 1907.

This matter should receive your most prompt attention as your neglect or failure to furnish the required proof in time may deprive your child of such rights to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman as she may have.

Respectfully,

17-NB-22

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 12, 1907.

Cooper Folsom,

Bokchito, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 21, 1906, asking if the enrollment of your child Ora Folsom born September 17, 1903, has been approved.

In reply to your letter you are advised that affidavits have been received to the birth of your child Ora A. Folsom, but it will be necessary in the matter of the enrollment of said child that you forward at once affidavits on the inclosed blank showing that your child Ora Folsom was living March 4, 1906.

This matter should receive your immediate attention in order that disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of your child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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17-NB-22

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 16, 1907.

Cooper Fulsom,

Bokchito, Indian Territory.

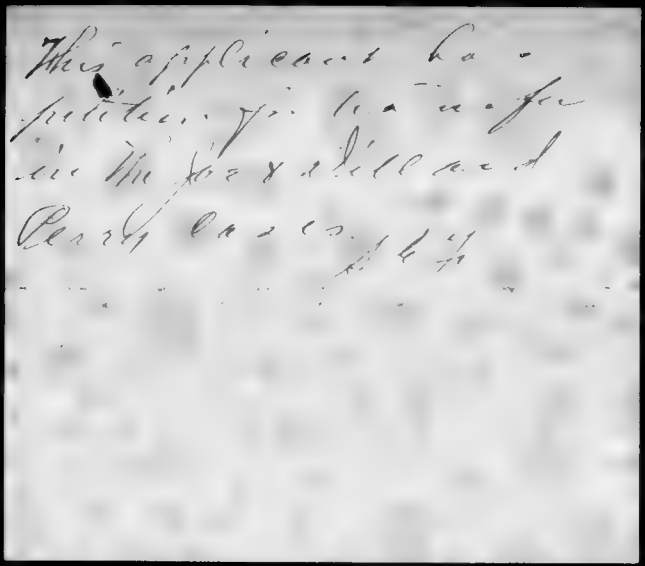
Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Ora Fulsom as a Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not she was living March 4, 1906, as those heretofore forwarded do not determine that fact.

There is enclosed herewith a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed at once and return same promptly so that it will reach this office prior to January 20, 1907, in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

B.C. Commissioner.



Choc. M. Fr. 23

Hastings Andrew Fortune

Evans Estern Fortune

M. Fr. 23

MINOR

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ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Hastings Andrew Fortune

Evans Estern Fortune

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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IN RE APPLICATION FOR
ENROLLMENT OF

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress
Approved April 26, 1906.

Hastings Andrew Fortune

as a citizen of

_____ Nation.

CHICKASAW FREEDMAN

Approved _____ 190__

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Commsssioner.

JUL 25 1906

Birth Affidavit.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as Freedman member of the Chickasaw Nation,

of Hastings Andrew Fortune, born on the 17 day of Nov. 1905

Name of Father: Robert L. Fortune U.S. a citizen of the ~~Nation~~

Name of Mother: Birdie (Nail) Fortune a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father / Tribal enrollment of mother 38 - 7

Enrollment No. of father No. / Enrollment No. of mother No. 219 -

Postoffice Wilburton I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,)
Central District.)

I, Birdie (Nail) Fortune, on oath state that I am Thirty years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Chickasaw Nation, that I am the lawful wife of Robert L. Fortune, who is a U.S. citizen, by ~~birth~~, of the ~~Nation~~, that a male child was born to me on 17 day of November 1905; that said child has been named Hastings Andrew Fortune, and was living March 4, 1906.

[Male or Female]

Birdie (Nail) Fortune

Witnesses to Mark:

[Must be two Witnesses].

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of July 1906.

Notary Public.

My com expires June 14/07

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,)
Central District.)

I, L. M. Sackett, a physician, on oath state that I attended on Birdie Fortune, wife of Robert L. Fortune on the 17 day of November 1905; that there was born to her on said date a male child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Hastings Andrew Fortune

[Male or Female]

L M Sackett M.D.

Witnesses to Mark:

[Must be two Witnesses].

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of July 1906.

Notary Public.

My com expires June 19, 1907

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Hastings Andrew Fordney
Freedman
as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved JAN 25 1907 190...

Commissioner.

Born Nov. 17, 1904

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COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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JAN 4 1907

COMMISSIONER.

Original appli
cation received
July 25, 1906

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Hastings Andrew Fortune, born on the 17 day of Nov 1904
[First name of child]

Name of Father: Robt Fortune a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Birdie Nail (Mrs Fortune) a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Choctaw Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw

Postoffice Wilburton, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Birdie Nail Fortune on oath state that I am 30
years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation;
that I am the lawful wife of Robt Fortune who is a citizen, by
Male ~~Female~~ Andrew Fortune
of the Nation; that a ~~Male~~ Female child was
[Male or Female]
born to me on 17 day of November 1904; that said child has been named
Hastings Andrew and was living March 4, 1906.

Birdie Nail Fortune

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of December 1906.

Thos D. Jones
~~Notary Public.~~
U.S. Commissioner
Wilburton, Choctaw Nation, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, L.M. Jackson M.D., a Physician on oath state that I
attended on Birdie Nail (Mrs Fortune) wife of Robt Fortune
on the 17 day of Nov 1904; that there was born to her on said date a Male
[Male or Female]
child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Hastings Andrew
Fortune.

L.M. Jackson M.D.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of December 1906.

Thos D. Jones
~~Notary Public.~~
U.S. Commissioner
Wilburton, Choctaw Nation, I.T.

19-948

19-1185

IN RE APPLICATION FOR
ENROLLMENT OF

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress
Approved April 26, 1906.

Evans Estan Fortune

as a citizen of

_____ Nation.

CHICKASAW FREEDMAN

Approved _____ 190____

_____
Commsssioner.

JUL 25 1906

Birth Affidavit.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as Freedman member of the Chickasaw Nation,

of Evans Estern Fortune, born on the 10 day of Jan. 1906

Name of Father: Robert L. Fortune a U.S. citizen of the Nation.

Name of Mother: Birdie (Hail) Fortune a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Tribal enrollment of mother 3847

Enrollment No. of father No. Enrollment No. of mother No. 2194

Postoffice Tishomingo I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Birdie (Hail) Fortune, on oath state that I am Thirty years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Chickasaw Nation, that I am the lawful wife of Robert L. Fortune, who is a U.S. citizen, by ____, of the ____ Nation; that a male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 10 day of Jan. 1906; that said child has been named Evans Estern Fortune, and was living March 4, 1906.

Birdie (Hail) Fortune

Witnesses to Mark:

[Must be two Witnesses]. }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of July 1906.

A. H. Linebaugh
Notary Public.

My com. expires June 1907

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, L. M. Sackett, a physician, on oath state that I attended on Birdie Fortune, wife of Robert L. Fortune on the 10 day of Jan. 1906; that there was born to her on said date a male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Evans Estern Fortune

L. M. Sackett M.D.

Witnesses to Mark:

[Must be two Witnesses]. }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of July 1906.

A. H. Linebaugh
Notary Public.

My com. expires June 1907

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Evans Eslen Foreman
Freeman

as a citizen of

Cherokee Nation.

Approved JAN 25 1907 190...

Commissioner.

Dale Chisholm
Jan 10, 1906

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

FILED

JAN 4 1907

COMMISSIONER.

Original application received July 25, 1906

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS. APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Leroy Esley Fortune; born on the 10 day of January 1906

[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: Robt. E. Fortune; not a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Birdie Nail Fortune a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father. ——— Tribal enrollment of mother. Choctaw

Postoffice Wilburton, Ind. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Atoka District.

I, Birdie Nail Fortune on oath state that I am 30 years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Robt. Fortune, who is a citizen, by adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 10 day of January 1906; that said child has been named Leroy Esley Fortune and was living March 4, 1906.

Birdie Nail Fortune

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of December 1906.

Philos A. Jones
U.S. Commissioner
Notary Public
Wilburton Division
Central District, Ind. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Atoka District.

I, J. M. Alexander MD, a physician on oath state that I attended on Birdie Nail (Mrs. Fortune) wife of Robt. Fortune on the 10 day of Jan 1906; that there was born to her on said date a Male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Leroy Esley Fortune

J. M. Alexander MD

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of December 1906.

Philos A. Jones
U.S. Commissioner
Notary Public
Wilburton Division
Central District, Ind. Ter.

17-1186

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 4, 1906.

Robert L. Fortune,

Wilburton, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Birdie (Nail) Fortune and L. M. Sacket to the birth of Hastings Andrew Fortune and Evans Estern Fortune, children of Robert L. Fortune and Birdie (Nail) Fortune, November 17, 1904 and January 10, 1906, respectively.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17 NB 23.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 28, 1906.

Robert L. Fortune,

Wilburton, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the applications for enrollment of your children, Hastings Andrew and Evan Estern Fortune, as minor Choctaw freedmen under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are advised that it will be necessary that you furnish new affidavits to the birth of these children for in those heretofore forwarded it is stated that the mother, Birdie Fortune, is a Chickasaw freedman. It appears from the records of this office that she is enrolled as a Choctaw freedman and that therefore both the applications and the affidavits should be made out accordingly.

There are inclosed herewith new blanks which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the applications for enrollment of these children.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 5, 1907.

Robert Fortune,

Wilburton, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Birdie (Nail) Fortune and L. M. Sackett to the birth of Hastings Andrew Fortune and Evoy Estey Fortune, children of Robert and Birdie (Nail) Fortune, January 10, 1906, and the same have been filed in the matter of the enrollment of said child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 24
Richard Brown

M. Fr. 24

MINOR 24

ENROLLMENT
CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Richard Brown

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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NEW-BORN AFFIDAVIT.

Number.....

Choctaw Enrolling Commission.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the .....
Choctaw Nation, of Richard Brown
Name of Child.
born on the 20th day of December 1904
Name of father George Brown a citizen of Choctaw
Nation final; enrollment No 1179
Name of mother Ida Brown a citizen of Choctaw
Nation; final enrollment No 4096
Postoffice Fanin I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central DISTRICT

I Ida Brown, on oath state that I am 21 years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation, and as such have been placed upon the final roll of the Choctaw Nation, by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior my final enrollment number being 4096; that I am the lawful wife of George Brown, who is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and as such has been placed upon the final roll of said Nation by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, his final enrollment number being 1179 and that a Male child was born to me on the 20th day of December 1904; that said child
Male or Female.
has been named Richard Brown, and is now living.

WITNESSETH: Ida Brown

Must be two Witnesses who are Citizens. Sadie Freeman
G.W. Freeman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of Jan 1905

J.P. Maxcy
Notary Public.

My commission expires Oct 21-1908

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IN THE MATTER OF THE BIRTH

OF

Richard Brown

CHOCTAW COMMISSION No. 1

NB 24

APR 26 1906

APR 25 1905

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Affidavit of Attending Physician or Midwife

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central DISTRICT

I, Tildie Graham a Midwife

on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Ida Brown

wife of George Brown, on the 20th day of

December, 1904, that there was born to her on said date a

Male child, that said child is now living, and is said to have
Male or Female

been named Richard Brown

her
Tildie X Graham
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 21 day of Jan. 1905

J. M. Marcum
Notary Public.

WITNESSETH:

Must be two witnesses who are citizens and know the child. { Sule Freeman / G W Freeman

We hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Mrs. Tildie Graham

a Midwife and know her to be reputable and of good

standing in the community.

Must be two citizen witnesses. { Sule Freeman / G W Freeman

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Richard Brown

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS. APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Richard Brown [Here insert name of child], born on the 20th day of Dec 1906

Name of Father: Lew Brown a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Ida Brown a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Grant I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Ida Brown (nee Ida Williams) on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of George Brown, who is a citizen, by adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 20th day of Dec 1906; that said child has been named Richard Brown and was living March 4, 1906.

Ida Brown

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of Dec 1906.

D. P. Harold
Notary Public.
Grant I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Matilda Graham a Midwife on oath state that I attended on Ida Brown, wife of George Brown on the 20th day of Dec 1906, that there was born to her on said date a Male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Richard Brown

her
Matilda x Graham
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of Dec 1906.

D. P. Harold
Notary Public.
Grant I.T.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Richard Brown

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

FILED

JAN 4 1907

COMMISSIONER.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the .....Nation

of Richard D. Brown, born on the 20 day of Dec 1904

[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: George Brown a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Ida Brown a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father..... Tribal enrollment of mother.....

Postoffice Grant D.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Ida Brown, on oath state that I am 23

years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation;

that I am the lawful wife of George Brown, who is a citizen, by

adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male [Male or Female] child was

born to me on 20 day of Dec 1904 that said child has been named

..... and was living March 4, 1906.

Ida Brown

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] }
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of Dec 1906.

D. P. Harrell

Notary Public.

Grant D.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Matilda Graham, a Midwife on oath state that I

attended on Mrs Ida Brown wife of George Brown

on the 20 day of Dec 1904 that there was born to her on said date a Male [Male or Female]

child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Richard D. Brown

her
Matilda x Graham
Mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] }
J. J. Collins
J. Elijah Adamson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of Dec 1906.

D. P. Harrell

Notary Public.

Grant D.T.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Richard Bacon
Indian

as a citizen of

Cherokee Nation.

Approved FEB 9 1907 190...

Commissioner.

Date of Birth
Dec 20, 1904

Original application received April 26, 1906

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Richard Brown [Here insert name of child] born on the 20 day of December 1904

Name of Father: George Brown a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Ida Brown nee Williams a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father E 309 Tribal enrollment of mother E 4446

Postoffice Grant Indian Territory

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Ida Brown nee Williams, on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of George Brown, who is a ~~citizen by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 20th day of December 1904; that said child has been named Richard Brown and was living March 4, 1906.

Ida Brown

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of January 1907

Earl Patterson
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Matilda Graham, a Mid wife, on oath state that I attended on Ida Brown, wife of George Brown, on the 20 day of December 1904; that there was born to her on said date a Male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Richard Brown

Matilda her (X) mark Graham

WITNESSES TO MARK:

George Brown
Tom Collins

[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of January 1907

Earl Patterson
Notary Public.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 10, 1905.

George Brown,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Ida Brown and Tildie Graham to the birth of Richard Brown, son of George and Ida Brown, December 20, 1904.

It is stated in the affidavit of the mother that you are a citizen by blood of the Choctaw Nation. If this is correct you are requested to state the name under which you were enrolled, the names of your parents and if you have selected an allotment of the lands of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation please give your roll number as it appears upon your allotment certificate.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

Grant, I. T. 5-29-1905

To Hon. Tams Bixby,

Muskogee,

I. T.

George Brown and Ida Brown are Choctaw freedman. Ida Brown is inroled as Ida Williams and her certificate No is 4096 and George Brown No is 1179.

Respectfully,

George Brown

Care W. J. Oakes

I taken the above from thir certificate of allotment

W. J. Oakes.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 12, 1906.

George Brown,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Richard Brown, as a minor Choctaw freedman, under the Act of April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary for you to furnish this office with new affidavits of the birth of said child, showing whether or not he was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore forwarded do not determine that fact.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter, there is herewith enclosed a new blank which you are requested to have executed and return to this office at an early date, in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for enrollment of said child.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner.

17-NB-24

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 24, 1906.

George Brown,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Ida Brown and Matilda Graham to the birth of Richard Brown, child of George and Ida Brown, December 20, 1904, and the same have been filed in the matter of the enrollment of said child.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

17 NB 24.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 28, 1906.

George Brown,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for enrollment of your child, Richard Brown, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are advised that it will be necessary that you furnish new affidavits to the birth of this child as the affidavits received at this office on the 24th inst. are defective in that the date of the child's birth is given in one place as December 20, 1904, and in the other as December 20, 1905, and it cannot be determined which is the correct date. In having the new affidavits executed you should be careful to see that all blanks are properly filled, all names written correctly and in full and that the Notary before whom they are sworn to affixes his name and seal to each affidavit.

There is inclosed herewith a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the

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application for enrollment of your child.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

B.C.

17-NB-24

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 5, 1907.

George Brown,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Ida Brown and Matilda Graham to the birth of Richard Brown, child of George and Ida Brown, December 20, 1904, and the same have been filed in the matter of the enrollment of said child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 25
Bessie Clark

M. Fr. 25

MINOR 25

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Bessie Clark

Transferred to 17-1726 Feb 5 1907

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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Choctow Freedman
(act April 26 1906.)

Bessie Clark

Transferred to I.T. 726

Choc. M. Fr. 26
Curley Cole

M. Fr. 26

MINOR 26

MINOR ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Curley Cole

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Carley Cole

as a citizen of the

Choctaw Freedmen Nation.

Approved _____ 190_

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Curley Cole (Here insert name of child.), born on the 25th day of Oct., 1902
Name of Father: Albert Cole, a citizen of the Choctaw Freedman Nation.
Name of Mother: Vinnie Cole, a citizen of the Choctaw Freedman Nation.
Post-Office: Harris Ind Ter

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
INDIAN TERRITORY, }
Central District. }

I, Vinnie Cole, on oath state that I am 21 years of age and a citizen, by adoption a Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Albert Cole, who is a citizen, by adoption, Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation, that a Male (Male or female.) child was born to me on the 25th day of Oct 1902; that said child has been named Curley Cole, and is now living.

Vinnie Cole.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) }
W. P. Hutchinson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 *day of* Dec. *1902.*

H. P. Hutchinson
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
INDIAN TERRITORY, }
Central District. }

I, Sarah Smith, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Vinnie Cole, wife of Albert Cole, on the 25th day of Oct, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a Male (Male or female.) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Curley Cole.

Sarah her X Smith
Mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) }
E. A. Williams
W. P. Hutchinson Mollie Cotton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 *day of* Dec *1902.*

H. P. Hutchinson
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

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as a citizen of

..... Nation.

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Commissioner.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Curley Cole, born on the 25 day of Oct 1902.
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: Albert Cole a Freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Vina Cole a Freedman ~~citizen~~ of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Harris I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Vina Cole, on oath state that I am 25
years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;
that I am the lawful wife of Albert Cole, who is a ~~citizen, by~~
Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male child was
[Male or Female]
born to me on the 25th day of October 1902 that said child has been named
Curley Cole and was living March 4, 1906.

Vina Cole

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of Jan. 1906.

N.P. Nutchinson

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
..... District. }

I, ..., a....., on oath state that I
attended on ....., wife of .....
on the .....day of ..... 1....; that there was born to her on said date a .....
[Male or Female]
child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named .....

.....

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this .....day of ..... 1906.

.....

Notary Public.

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IN RE

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MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Curley Cole
Freedman
as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved FEB 9 1907 190...

Commissioner.

Date of Birth
Oct 25. 1902.

Original allotment
Cation record
April 26 1906.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Curley Cole [Here insert name of child], born on the 25 day of Oct. 1902

Name of Father: Albert Cole a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Vina Cole a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Harris, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
..... District. }

I, ..., on oath state that I am .....

years of age and a citizen by ....., of the ..... Nation;

that I am the lawful wife of ....., who is a citizen, by

....., of the ..... Nation; that a ..... child was
[Male or Female]

born to me on ..... day of ..... 1 .....; that said child has been named

..... and was living March 4, 1906.

.....

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... 1906.

.....
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Laura Smith, a Mid wife, on oath state that I

attended on Vina Cole, wife of Albert Cole

on the 25th day of Oct. 1902, ~~that there was born to her on said date a~~ male child [Male or Female]; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Curley Cole

Laura X Smith
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { W.H. Martin
Frank L. Dobbs

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of Janu 1907

W.H. Martin
Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 11, 1906

Mr. Albert Cole,

Harris, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Curley Cole, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of Congress approved June 21, 1906. You are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits as to the birth of said child showing whether or not said child was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact. For the purpose of assisting you in this matter a new blank is herewith inclosed which you will have executed and returned to this office at an early date.

You should give this matter your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the enrollment of said child as a minor Choctaw freedman, until this evidence is furnished.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory. January 28, 1907.

Albert Cole,

Harris, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavit of Vina Cole to the birth of Curley Cole, child of Albert Cole and Vina Cole, October 2, 1902, and the same has been filed in the matter of the enrollment of your child, Curley Cole.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 27

Carroe Cubit

M. Fr. 27

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Carroe Cubit

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Register of Marriages.

Name of Parties.*	Date, and by whom Solemnized.*
This is to certify that [illegible] were united in the [illegible] This [illegible] 21 first day January [illegible] 1991 Given under my hand	And Sell this 21 day January 1991 Lilen Pritchett Lenora Butler Witness Jack Cubit Ben Cubit

Register of Marriages.

*Name of Parties.**	*Date, and by whom Solemnized.**

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Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Carrie Cubit

as a citizen of the

Choctaw Nation.

Approved _____ 190_

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Carrie Cubit (Here insert name of child.), born on the 11th day of June, 1901

Name of Father: Douglas Cubit, a Freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Katie Cubit, a not citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Post-Office: Eagle Town I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
INDIAN TERRITORY, }
Central District. }

I, Sallie Hankins, on oath state that I am 42 years of age and a citizen, by not the mother of Katie Cubit, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Douglas Cubit, who is a Freedman citizen, by ____, of the Choctaw Nation, that a Female (Male or female) child was born to me on the 11 day of June 1901; that said child has been named Carrie Cubit, and is now living.

Sallie her X mark Hankins

WITNESSES TO MARK.

(Must be Two Witnesses) { Allen Pitchlynn
Hardy Polk

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of Dec 1902

my Commission expire 3rd Dec 1905

Jeff Gardner
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
INDIAN TERRITORY, }
Central District. }

I, Lucy Pitchlynn, a nurse, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Katie Cubit, wife of Douglas Cubit, on the 11th day of June, 1901; that there was born to her on said date a Female (Male or female.) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Carrie Cubit.

Lucy her X mark Pitchlynn

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses) { Allen Pitchlynn
Hardy Polk

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of Dec 1902

my Commission expire 3 Dec 1905

Jeff Gardner
Notary Public.

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UNITED STATES.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as ~~a citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Carrie Cubit, born on the 11 day of June 1901
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: Douglas Cubit a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Katie Cubit a ~~citizen of the~~ now Citizen ~~Nation.~~

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Eagletown, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, William Butler, on oath state that I am 50 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I was personally acquainted with Katie Cubit now dec'd, ~~am~~ the lawful wife of Douglas Cubit, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a female child was born to ~~me~~ Katie Cubit on the 11th day of June 1901; that said child has been named Carrie Cubit and was living March 4, 1906.
[Male or Female]

William Butler

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of Janj 1907

W.M. Martin
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Charlie Warner, a ~~midwife~~ ....., on oath state that I was personally acquainted with Katie Cubit now dec'd, wife of Douglas Cubit, and know that on the 11th day of June 1901 there was born to her ~~on said date~~ a female child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Carrie Cubit
[Male or Female]

Charlie Warner

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of Janj 1907

W.M. Martin
Notary Public.

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Cerrie Cabit

Freedmen

as a citizen of

Choctaw **Nation.**

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Commissioner.

Date of Birth
June 11, 1901

JAN 22 1907

17NB.21 Original application rec'd July 2[illegible] 19[illegible].

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Carrie Cubit [Here insert name of child], born on the 11th day of June 1901

Name of Father: Douglas Cubit a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Katie Cubit a ~~citizen of the~~ Non citizen Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Eagletown I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Douglas Cubit, on oath state that I am 29 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful husband ~~wife~~ of Katie Cubit, who is now dead, and who is a ~~citizen by~~ Non citizen, ~~of the~~ Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was born to ~~me~~ Katie Cubit on the 11th day of June, 1901; that said child has been named Carrie Cubit and was living March 4, 1906.

Douglas Cubit

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of Janu 1907

W.H. Martin
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Calvin Burris, a ....., on oath state that I ~~was~~ attended personally acquainted with Katie Cubit, now dec'd, wife of Douglas Cubit, and know that on the 11th day of June 1901 ~~there~~ there was born to her ~~on said date~~ a female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Carrie Cubit.

his
Calvin X Burris
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

W.H. Martin

[Must be Two Witnesses] { Frank L Doble

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of Janu 1907

W.H. Martin
Notary Public.

COMMISSIONERS
HENRY L. DAWES,
TAMS BIXBY,
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE.

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,
SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

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ADDRESS ONLY THE COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 16, 1903.

Douglas Cubit,

Eagletown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Carrie Cubit, infant daughter of Douglas and Katie Cubit, born June 11, 1901.

Your attention is called to section thirty-four of the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, which was ratified by the citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations September 25, 1902, as follows:

"During the ninety days first following the date of the final ratification of this agreement, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes may receive applications for enrollment only of persons whose names are on the tribal rolls, but who have not heretofore been enrolled by said Commission, commonly known as "delinquents," and such intermarried white persons as may have married recognized citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations in accordance with the tribal laws, customs and usages on or before the date of the passage of this Act by Congress, and such infant children as may have been born to recognized and enrolled citizens on or before the date of the final ratification of this agreement; but the application of no person whomsoever for enrollment shall be received after the expiration of the said ninety days." Atts Sept 25 '02

See Watson Survey

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Under the above legislation, the Commission is now without authority to enroll this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 6, 1906.

Douglas Cubit,

Eagletown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of June 17, 1906, asking if your child, Carrie Cubit, for whom application was made in 1903 is not now entitled to enrollment. You also enclose marriage certificate between yourself and Cat Hankin.

In reply you are advised that it appears from the records of this office that affidavits to the birth of your child, Carrie Cubit, January 11, 1901, were received at this office January 2, 1903, and if you now desire to contend that these constitute an application for the enrollment of said child within the time provided by the Act of Congress, approved April 26, 1906, you will be heard upon your personal appearance at this office, notice of the time of such appearance having been first served upon the attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

The marriage certificate enclosed with your letter has been filed with the records of this office.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17 W 27.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 12, 1906.

Douglas Cubit,

Eagletown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Carrie Cubit, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of said child showing whether or not she was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact. For the purpose of assisting you in this matter a new blank is herewith inclosed which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date.

It appears from the evidence heretofore forwarded that the affidavit of Sallie Haukins, the grand mother, has been filed in place of the affidavit of the mother. You are advised that if the mother is dead it will be necessary that you furnish this office with the affidavits of two disinterested persons who know the

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names of her parents and the date of birth of said child and whether or not she was living March 4, 1906.

You should give this matter your immediate attention as no further action can be taken in the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child as a minor Choctaw freedman until this evidence is furnished.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

Choc. M. Fr. 28

Lewis Cubit

Louisa Cubit

M. Fr. 28

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CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Lewis Cubit

Louisa Cubit

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INFANT CHILD

Louisa Cubit

as a citizen of the

Choctaw Nation.

Approved ____ 190__

Commissioner.

Born Dec. 1. 1902.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 20 Freedman.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Lavina Cubit (Here insert name of child.), born on the 1st day of December, 1902
Name of Father: John Cubit, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Name of Mother: Bell Cubit, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Post-Office: Lukfata I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District. }

I, Bell Cubit, on oath state that I am 22 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of John Cubit, who is a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, that a Female (Male or female.) child was born to me on the 1st day of December 1902; that said child has been named Lavina Cubit, and is now living.

her
Bell X Cubit
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of December 1902.

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } INDIAN TERRITORY,
Lavina District. }

I, Hettie Cubit, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Bell Cubit, wife of John Cubit, on the 1st day of December, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a Female (Male or female.) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Lavina Cubit

her
Hettie X Cubit
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of December 1902.

Notary Public.

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Louisa Cubit

as a citizen of

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN Nation.

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

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IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Lavissa Cubit [Here insert name of child], born on the 1st day of December 1902.

Name of Father: John Cubit a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Mary Belle Cubit a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father 539 Tribal enrollment of mother 9

Postoffice Limestata IT

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, } Central District.

I, Mary Belle Cubit on oath state that I am 26 years of age and a citizen ~~by~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of John Cubit, who is a citizen, ~~by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 1st day of December, 1902; that said child has been named Lavissa Cubit, and was living March 4, 1906.

Mary Belle Cubit

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....

.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of July 1906.

J. W. Castleberry

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, } Central District.

I, Amanda Butler, a Midwife on oath state that I attended on Mary Belle Cubit, wife of John Cubit on the 1st day of December, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a Female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Lavissa Cubit

her
Amanda X Butler
Mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] { Will Brown

Thomas Richards

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of July 1906.

J. W. Castleberry

Notary Public.

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Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Lewis Cubit

as a citizen of the

Choctaw Nation.

Approved _____ 190_

_____

Commissioner.

Born Dec. 1, 1902.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Lewis Cubit, born on the 1st day of December 190 2
(Here insert name of child.)
Name of Father: John Cubit, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Name of Mother: Bell Cubit, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Post-Office: Lukfata I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } INDIAN TERRITORY.
Central District. }

I, Bell Cubit, on oath state that I am 22 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of John Cubit, who is a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, that a Male (Male or female.) child was born to me on the 1st day of December 1902, that said child has been named Lewis Cubit, and is now living.

Mary B. Cubit

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of December 1902.

O. M. Carlton
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } INDIAN TERRITORY.
Central District. }

I, Hettie Colbert, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Bell Cubit, wife of John Cubit, on the 1st day of December, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a Male (Male or female.) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Lewis Cubit.

her
Hettie x Colbert
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.) } Ellen Jackson
Jesse Bunch

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of December 1902.

O. M. Carlton
Notary Public.

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Lanis Cubit

as a citizen of

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN Nation.

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IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Lonnie Cubit [Here insert name of child], born on the 1st day of December 1902

Name of Father: John Cubit a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Mary Belle Cubit a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father 539 Tribal enrollment of mother 9

Postoffice Lone Oak Ind Terr

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, } Central District.

I, Mary Belle Cubit, on oath state that I am 26 years of age and a citizen ~~by~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of John Cubit, who is a citizen, ~~by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 1st day of December, 1902; that said child has been named Lonnie Cubit, and was living March 4, 1906.

Mary Belle Cubit

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....

.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of July 1906.

J. W. Castleberry

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, } Central District.

I, Amanda Butler, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mary Belle Cubit, wife of John Cubit on the 1st day of December 1902; that there was born to her on said date a Male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Lonnie Cubit

her
Amanda X Butler
Mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] { Will Brown

Thomas Richards

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of July 1906.

J. W. Castleberry

Notary Public.

17-165.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 3, 1903.

John Cubit,

Lukfata, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the applications for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen of Lewis and Louisa Cubit, twin infant children of John and Bell Cubit, born December 1, 1902, recently forwarded to this office; your attention is invited to the following provision of the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, which was ratified by the citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations September 25, 1902:

"During the ninety days first following the date of the final ratification of this agreement, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes may receive applications for enrollment only of persons whose names are on the tribal rolls, but who have not heretofore been enrolled by said Commission, commonly known as "delinquents," and such intermarried white persons as may have married recognized citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations in accordance with the tribal laws, customs and usages on or before the date of the passage of this Act by Congress, and such infant children as may have been born to recognized and enrolled citizens on or before the date of the final ratification of this agreement; but the application of no person whomsoever for enrollment shall be received after the expiration of the said ninety days."

Under the above legislation, the Commission is without authority to enroll these children.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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17-165.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 7, 1906.

John Cubit,

Lukfata, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of affidavits of Mary Belle Cubit and Amanda Butler to the birth of Louisa Cubit and Louis Cubit, December 1, 1902.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 29

John Freeman

M. Fr. 29

MINOR 29

ENROLLMENT
CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

John Freeman

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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In the Matter of the Birth

OF

~~John~~ Freeman

CHOCTAW COMMISSION NO.... _____

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New Born Affidavit.

No. ____

CHOCTAW : ENROLLING : COMMISSION.

In the Matter of the Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the

Chocalaw Nation, of John Freeman

born on the 19th day of December 1903

Name of father Lewis Freeman a citizen of Chocalaw

Nation; Final Enrollment No. _____

Name of mother Ida Freeman a citizen of Chocalaw

Nation; Final Enrollment No. _____

Postoffice Sawyer Ind Ter

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY.
Central DISTRICT

I, Ida Freeman, on oath state that I am 21 years of age and a citizen by birth of the Chocalaw Nation, and as such have been placed upon the final roll of the Chocalaw Nation, by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior my final enrollment number being ____; that I am the lawful wife of Lewis Freeman, who is a citizen of the Chocalaw Nation and as such has been placed upon the final roll of said Nation by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, his final enrollment number being ____ and that a Male (MALE OR FEMALE.) child was born to me on the 19th day of December 1903; that said child has been named John Freeman, and is now living.

WITNESSETH: Ida Fremon.

Must be two Witnesses who are Citizens. { Wm. Ware
Emanuel Webster

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of February 1905.

Fred Everett
Notary Public.

My commission expires Dec 5th 1906

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906

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CHOCTAW WOMEN.
as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation

Approved 190-

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Commissioner.

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NB #429

JUL 26 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1905

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctow Nation,

of [redacted] Freeman, born on the 19th day of Dec. 1903.
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: Lewis Freeman a citizen of the Choctow Nation.

Name of Mother: Ido Freeman a citizen of the Choctow Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Choctow Tribal enrollment of mother Choctow

Postoffice Sawyer I T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Ido Freeman, on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a citizen by Adoption, of the Choctow Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Lewis Freeman, who is a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctow Nation; that a Male child was born to me on 19th day of December, 1903 that said child has been named Johnnie Freeman, and was living March 4, 1906.
[Male or Female]

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Ido + Freeman
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of July 1906.

Thomas Fennell
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Sirena Willis, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Ido Freeman, wife of Lewis Freeman on the 19th day of Dec., 1903 that there was born to her on said date a Male child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Johnnie Freeman.
[Male or Female]

her
Sirena + Willis
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Hanna Woods
Ella Williams.

[Must be two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of July, 1906.

Thomas Fennell
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

John H. Freeman

as a citizen of

Cherokee Nation.

Approved ..... 190...

..... Commissioner.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS. APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of John Freeman [Here insert name of child], born on the 19 day of Dec 1903

Name of Father: Lewis Freeman a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Ida Freeman a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father: Freedman Tribal enrollment of mother: Freedman

Postoffice: Lawyer I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central Judicial District. }

I, Ida Freeman, on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a citizen by Adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Lewis Freeman, who is a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 19 day of December 1903; that said child has been named John Freeman, and was living March 4, 1906.

Ida Freeman.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of Dec 1906.

A. L. Davis
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
District. }

I, ... a ....., on oath state that I attended on ....., wife of ..... on the ..... day of ..... 1 ....; that there was born to her on said date a ..... [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named .....

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... 1906.

Notary Public

Ida Freeman.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] .....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of Dec 1906.

Ale Davis

Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, } .....

..... District. }

I, ..., a....., on oath state that I attended on ....., wife of ..... on the .....day of..... 1..... ; that there was born to her on said date a..... [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named.....

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WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] .....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this.....day of..... 1906.

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Notary Public

United States of America Indian Territory }
Central Judicial Dist

We hereby certify that a Mail child was born to Lewis and Ida Freeman on the 19th day of Dec 1903 and that he is named John Freeman and is living at this date.

J. C. Davis
Ella Williams

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 19th day of December A.D. 1906.
my comm Exp Apl 28th 1907.

Ale Davis
Notary Public

Physician in attendance is Dr E R Aikins of Hugo Okm of Sawyer, and not available for the affidavit

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 27, 1906.

Lewis Freeman,

Sowyer, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There have been received at this office affidavits of Ida Freeman and Sirena Willis to the birth of Johnnie Freeman child of Lewis and Ida Freeman, December 19, 1903.

You will be notified of such action as is taken in regard to the affidavits to the birth of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-1351

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 1, 1906.

Lewis Freeman,

Sawyer, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It appears from the records of the Commissioner that an application was received at this office on July 26, 1906, for the enrollment of your child Johnie Freeman as a Choctaw freedman.

You are advised that the time within which applications could be received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of minor children under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expired July 25, 1906.

It has recently been held by the Department that the minor children of Choctaw freedmen who were living on March 4, 1906, are entitled to enrollment provided application was made within the time prescribed by law, or prior to July 25, 1906.

If it is claimed that such an application was made for the enrollment of your child above named prior to July 25, 1906, you should appear before the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka, Indian Territory, any time prior to January 1, 1907, for the purpose of

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presenting testimony relative to the submission of such application within the required time.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17 NB 29.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 12, 1906.

Lewis Freeman,

Sawyer, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, John Freeman, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits of the birth of this child showing whether or not he was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact. For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is inclosed herewith a new blank which you are requested to have executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

In the evidence now on file in this office there is no affidavit of the attending physician or mid-wife. You are advised that if no physician or mid-wife was in attendance, it will be necessary to furnish affidavits of two disinterested persons who

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know the names of the parents, the date of his birth and whether or not he was living March 4, 1906.

You should give this matter your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the application for enrollment of this child, until this evidence is furnished.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 27, 1906.

Lewis Freeman,

Sawyer, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavit of Ida Freeman and also the affidavit of J. C. Davis and Nila Williams, relative to the birth of your child, John Freeman, which occurred December 19, 1903, and the same have been filed with the record in the matter of the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 30

Oscar Green

M. Fr. 30

MINOR 30

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Oscar Green

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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IN THE MATTER OF THE BIRTH

OF Oscar Green

CHOCTAW COMMISSION No----------

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

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APR 26 1906

NEW-BORN AFFIDAVIT.

Number.....

Choctaw Enrolling Commission.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the
Choctaw Nation, of Aaron Green
Name of Child.
born on the 10th day of January 1904
Name of father Aaron Green a citizen of Choctaw
Nation final; enrollment No.....
Name of mother Anna Green a citizen of Choctaw
Nation; final enrollment No. 2183 Postoffice Grant I T

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central DISTRICT

I Anna Green, on oath state that I
am 20 years of age and a citizen by adoption of the
Choctaw Nation, and as such have been placed upon the final roll of the
Choctaw Nation, by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior
my final enrollment number being 2183; that I am the lawful wife of
Aaron Green, who is a citizen of the Choctaw
Nation, and as such has been placed upon the final roll of said Nation by the Honorable Secretary of the
Interior, his final enrollment number being — and that a Male
Male or Female.
child was born to me on the 10th day of January 1904; that said child
has been named Aaron Green, and is now living.

Anna Green

WITNESSETH:

Must be two Witnesses who are Citizens. J. R. Johnson
J. E. Wilson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of Jan 1904

J. A. Howard
Notary Public.

My commission expires Oct 21 - 1905

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Oscar Green
Freedman
as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved FEB 9 1907 190...

Commissioner.

Date of Birth
Jan 10, 1904

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Oscar Green [Here insert name of child], born on the 10th day of January 1904.

Name of Father: Aaron Green a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Anna Green a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father 6448. Tribal enrollment of mother 6147.

Postoffice Grant Indian Territory.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, Central District.

I, Anna Green, on oath state that I am 25 years of age and a ~~citizen~~ by Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Aaron Green, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 10th day of January 1904; that said child has been named Oscar Green and was living March 4, 1906.

Anna Green.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] .....

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of January 1906.

Earl Gatterson

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, Central District.

I, Olive Walker, a Mid-Wife, on oath state that I attended on Anna Green, wife of Aaron Green, on the 10th day of January, 1904; that there was born to her on said date a Male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Oscar Green

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Olive her (X) mark Walker

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] Earl Gatterson

Tom Collier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of January 1906.

Earl Gatterson

Notary Public.

17 NB 38.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 13, 1906.

Aaron Green,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Oscar Green, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not he was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact. For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have executed and returned to this office at an early date.

In the evidence of birth of said child now on file in this office it appears that the affidavit of the attending physician or mid-wife is wanting. You are advised that if no physician or mid-wife was in attendance it will be necessary that you furnish affidavits of two disinterested persons who know the names of the parents and the date of birth of the child and whether or not

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he was living March 4, 1906.

You should give this matter your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the application for the enrollment of this child until this evidence is furnished.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 31, 1907.

Anna Green,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Oscar Green, as a Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not he was living March 4, 1906, as those heretofore forwarded do not determine that fact.

There are enclosed herewith a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed at once and return the same promptly so that it will reach this office prior to February 5, 1907.

This matter should receive your most prompt attention as your neglect or failure to furnish the required proof in time may deprive your child of such rights to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, as he may have.

A letter was addressed by this office on December 13, 1906 to Aaron Green at Grant, Indian Territory, relative to this matter but the same has been returned unclaimed.

Respectfully,

R.C.

Choc. M. Fr. 31

Clay W. Clark

Henry O. Clark

M. Fr. 31

MINOR 31

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Clay W. Clark

Henry O. Clark

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD of

Clayton & Henry O. Bloxx

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved 190

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Eloy M Clark & Henry O Clark, born on the 3d day of Sept, 1903
(Here insert name of child.)
Name of Father: Henry C Clark, a citizen of the U S Nation.
Name of Mother: Mary Clark, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Postoffice Hammock, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
Southern DISTRICT.

I, Mary Clark, on oath state that I am 36 years of age and a citizen by Freedmen, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Henry C. Clark, who is a citizen, by (Twins) , of the U S Nation; that 2 male child was born to me on 3d day of Sept, 1903; that said child has been named Eloy M Clark & Henry O Clark and was living March 4, 1905.

Mary x Clark
(Her mark)

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.) Ellie M. Holland
L Smith

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of April, 1905.

P M Cochran
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
Southern DISTRICT.

I, Silvia Mc Peters, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Mary Clark, wife of Henry C. Clark, on the 3d day of Sept, 1903; that there was born to her on said date (Twins) 2 Male child; that said child was living March 4, 1905, and is said to have been named Eloy M Clark & Henry O Clark
(Male or Female.)

Silvia Mc Peters

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of April, 1905.

P M Cochran
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Clay D. C. Clark

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Clay N. Clark [Here insert name of child], born on the 3rd day of Sept 1903.

Name of Father: Henry S. Clark a citizen of the U.S. [illegible]

Name of Mother: Mary Clark a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father..... Tribal enrollment of mother. Enr. Irack #2410.

Postoffice Wormack, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Southern District. }

I, Mary Clark on oath state that I am 38 years of age and a [illegible] Freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Henry S. Clark, who is a citizen, by [illegible] of the U.S. [illegible]; that a male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 3rd day of Sept 1903; that said child has been named Clay N. Clark and was living March 4, 1906

her
Mary + Clark
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Andrew J. Fairchild/Wife Henry S Clark

[Must be Two Witnesses] W. L. Kelly

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of January 1907

Andrew J. Fairchild
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
..... District. }

I, ..., a....., on oath state that I attended on ....., wife of ..... on the .....day of..... 1..... ; that there was born to her on said date a..... [Male or Female] child: that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named .....

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WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] }
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this..... day of..... 1906.

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Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Clay H Clark

as a citizen of Indian

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved JAN 25 1907 190...

Commissioner.

Sept. 3. 1903

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original application
amended
April 26. 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS. APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the "Freedman" Choctaw Nation,

of Clay W. Clark [Here insert name of child], born on the 3d day of Sept 1903

Name of Father: Henry C. Clark a non citizen of the Nation.

Name of Mother: Mary Clark a citizen of the Choctaw "Freedmen" Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ——— Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw Freedmen

Postoffice Konawa I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Southern District. }

I, Mary Clark on oath state that I am 38 years of age and a citizen by Birth of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Henry C. Clark, who is a citizen, by Birth of the Kansas ~~Nation~~; that "a" Male child was born to me on 3 day of Sept 1903 [Male or Female] that said child has been named Clay W. Clark and was living March 4, 1906 and is still living

Mary her x Clark mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

John B Edwards

[Must be Two Witnesses] W P Moody

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of Dec 1906.

My Commission Exp. Feb. 9th. 1910.

James H. McCaleb Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Southern District. }

I, Sylvia McPeters a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mary Clark, wife of Henry C Clark on the 3d day of Sept 1903; that there was born to her on said date a Male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Clay W. Clark and is still living

Sylvia McPeters

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] ———

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of Jan 1907

R M Cochran Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 25, 1905.

Henry C. Clark,

Wommack, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Mary Clark and Silvia McPeters, to the birth of Clay W. and Henry O. Clark, twin children of Henry C. and Mary Clark, September 3, 1903.

It appears from our records that Mary Clark, mother of these children, is a Chickasaw freedman, and under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 3, 1905, the Commission is authorized for a period of sixty days from that date, to receive applications for enrollment of children born to enrolled citizens by blood of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, prior to March 4, 1905.

You will therefore see, that the Commission is without authority to enroll children born to Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17 NB 31.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 11, 1906.

Mr. Henry C. Clark,

Wommack, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your minor children, Clay W. Clark and Henry C. Clark, as minor Choctaw freedmen under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of Congress approved June 21, 1906. You are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavitsas to the birth of said children showing whether or not said children were living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact. For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is herewith inclosed new blanks which you are requested to have executed and return to this office at an early date in order that further disposition may be made of said enrollment of said child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17NB31.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 27, 1906.

Henry C. Clark,

Wommack, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Mary Clark relative to the birth of your children, Clay W. and Henry O. Clark which occurred September 3, 1903, and the same have been filed with the record in the matter of the enrollment of these children.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

17 NB 31.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 29, 1906.

Henry C. Clark,
Womack, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the applications for enrollment of your children, Clay W. and Henry O. Clark, as minor Choctaw freedmen under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are advised that the blank affidavits that were sent you on December 11, 1906, and which you returned to this office on December 24, 1906, have been executed only in part and they are therefore returned to you and you are requested to have both applications and affidavits of the attending physician or midwife executed.

You should give this matter your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the applications for enrollment of these children until this evidence has been received.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

17 NB 31,
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 17, 1907.

Henry C. Clark,

Womack, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter without date inclosing affidavits of Mary Clark and Sylvia McPeters to the birth of Clay W. Clark and Henry O. Clark, children of Henry C. and Mary Clark, September 3, 1903, and the same have been filed in the matter of the enrollment of said children.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 32
Nesbit Colbert

M. Fr. 32

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ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Nesbit Colbert

Decline to Receive Feb 7 1907

Copy of Decision Forwarded Applicant Feb 7 1907

Copy of Decision Forwarded Attorneys For Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. Feb 7 1907

Record Forwarded Department Feb 7 1907

Action Approved by Scretarty of Interior Mar 4 1907

Notice of Departmental Action Forwarded Attorneys For Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations Apr 3 1907

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

Notice of Departmental Action Mailed Applicant. Apr 3 1907

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IN THE MATTER OF THE BIRTH

of

Nesbit Colbert

Choctaw Commission No._____

Jul 26 1906

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NEW BORN AFFIDAVIT No._____.

CHOCTAW: ENROLLING: COMMISSION.

In the Matter of the Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, of Nesbit Colbert born on the 27 day of April 1904.

Name of father Henry Colbert a citizen of Chickasaw Nation;

Final Enrollment No. _____

Name of mother Laura Colbert a citizen of Chickasaw Nation,

Final Enrollment No. _____

Postoffice Hugo

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
)
INDIAN TERRITORY.)
)
CENTRAL DISTRICT)

I, Laura Colbert, on oath state that I am 27 years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Chickasaw Nation, and as such have been placed upon the final roll of the Chickasaw Nation, by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior my final enrollment number being_____; that I am the lawful wife of ~~Henry Colbert, who is a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and as~~ such has been placed upon the final roll of said Nation by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, his final enrollment number being _____ and that a Male child was born to me on the 27 day of April 1904; that said child has been named Nesbit Colbert and is now living.

Must be two Witnesses who are citizens.) Jessie Ward (Georgia Ward

her
Laura x Colbert
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of July 1903

(SEAL) My commission expires_____

T. W. Yates
Notary Public

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,
CHOCTAW LAND OFFICE.

Atoka, Indian Territory, December 31, 1906.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Nesbit Colbert as a Choctaw freedman.

HENRY COLBERT, being first duly sworn testified as follows:

Examination by the Commissioner.

Q What is your name? A Henry Colbert.
Q How old are you? A I reckon I am about forty-nine, mab be more than that.
Q What is your Post Office address? A Hugo, I.T.
Q Are you a freedman yourself? A Yes sir.
Q Are you a Choctaw or Chickasaw freedman? A I am a Choctaw but they put me on the Chickasaw roll.
Q Are you the father of Nesbit Colbert? A Yes sir.
Q Is Nesbit Colbert now living? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of the mother of Nesbit Colbert? A Laura Colbert.
Q Is she now living? A Yes sir.
Q Is she a Choctaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q What is the name of ~~her father~~ your father? A Jerry Caffery.
Q What is the name of your mother? A Lydia Colbert.
Q What was the name of your father's owner? A Caffrey.

The name of Henry Colbert appears opposite No. 4026 on the approved roll of Chickasaw freedmen and on Chickasaw freedman field card No. 1095 at No. 1 thereon.

Q What is the name of your wife's father? A William Hailey.
Q What is the name of your wife's mother? A Hannah Hailey.
Q What kin is she to Lucinda and Esther Hailey? A They are sisters.

The name of Laura Colbert appears opposite No. 4419 on the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen, and on Choctaw freedman field card No. 1328, at No. 2 thereon.

Q There was received by the Commissioner on July 26, 1906 an application for the enrollment of Nesbit Colbert as a Choctaw freedman and the affidavit of Laura Colbert, the mother of said child, which affidavit was signed and executed before T. W. Yates on July 25, 1906; were you present when that affidavit was made?
A Yes sir.
Q What become of the affidavit after it was executed?
A He sent it off.
Q Where was the affidavit sent to? A Muskogee I reckon.
Q Was that the first time you ever made application for the enrollment of of Nesbit Colbert? A We started to before and they quit and would not enroll them?

Q When was that? A About two y ars ago I guess.
Q Where did you go? A The Commissioners went to Ft. Towson.
Q Did you go to Fort Towson? A No sir, I went to Hugo.
Q Why didn't you go to Ft. Towson? A Because the Commissioners quit and all went off.
Q You did not make any application then at that time for the enrollment of said child any further than starting to go to Ft. Towson?
A No sir except the time this man Yates put it in.
Q That was on July 26, 1906? A Yes sir; we made out one when they first came around, and they said it was no good.
Q When was that? A Two years ago, here is the papers.
Q Was that on December 13, 1904? A Yes sir.
Q What did you do at that time? A I don't know sir.
Q Did your wife sign an affidavit at that time? A Yes sir.
Q Before whom did she sign that affidavit? A She went before them Commissioners that was down there, that Choctaw fellow down there.
Q Was that at Hugo? A Yes sir.
Q What became of that affidavit? A I don't know sir, they got it.
Q Did you understand it was sent to Muskogee? A They took it and carried it off.
Q Was there any mid-wife in attendance at the time of the birth of Nesbit Colbert? A Yes sir.
Q What was her name? A Cassie Davis.
Q Did she ever make out any affidavit in regard to the birth of Nesbit Colbert? A She did the first time.
Q That was the time you first made application on December 13, 1904?
A Yes sir.
Q You don't know what became of that affidavit? A No sir.
Q Did you understand it was to be sent to the Commissioner at Muskogee? A That was what they said, they took it off.

Witness Excused.

I, Charles Bozarth, stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes on oath state that the above is a full, true and correct transcript of my stenographic notes as taken in said cause on said date.

Charles Bozarth

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 day of January 1907.

W.T. Angell

Notary Public.

17-NB-32.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the alleged application for the enrollment of Nesbit Colbert as a Choctaw freedman.

It appears from the record herein that on July 26, 1906, there was received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes written application for the enrollment of Nesbit Colbert as a Choctaw freedman.

On December 31, 1906, Henry Colbert, the father of the applicant, appeared before the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Atoka, Indian Territory, and gave testimony for the purpose of showing whether or not application had been made for the enrollment of said applicant as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137).

On said date Henry Colbert testified that on December 13, 1904, he attempted to make application for the enrollment of said applicant, at Hugo, Indian Territory; that his wife, Laura Colbert, and the midwife, who attended on her at the birth of the applicant, executed affidavits as to the birth of the applicant before the "Commissioners", who "took it and carried it off".

The records of this office show that no appointments were held in the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nations for the reception of applications during the year 1904.

It further appears from the record herein that the affidavit of Laura Colbert, the mother of said applicant, was executed on July 25, 1906.

I am of the opinion that the evidence fails to establish that any application was made for the enrollment of Nesbit Colbert as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), and that, therefore, I am without authority to receive or consider or make any record of any application for his enrollment as such, and that I should decline to receive or consider the same, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

FEB 7 1907.

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory. February 7, 1907.

Henry Colbert,

Hugo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 7, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Nesbit Colbert as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.

Incl. 17-NB-32

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 7, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

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The decision, withthe record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Incl. 17-NB-32

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 7, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior:

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Nesbit Colbert as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 7, 1907 declining to receive or consider said application.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

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Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

I.T.D. 6190, 7268, 7322, 7328, 7370-1907
D. C. 12855-1907. 7378,7382- " JP.SP.
LRS.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON, March 4, 1907.

Direct.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Your decisions in the following Choctaw citizenship cases adverse to the applicants are hereby affirmed. Copies of Indian Office letters submitting your report and recommending that the decisions be affirmed are inclosed:

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Nesbit Colbert (freedman)	February 7, 1907.

A copy hereof and the papers in the above mentioned cases have been sent to the Indian Office.

Respectfully,

E.A.Hitchcock,

Secretary.

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Refer in reply to the following:
Land: 13721-1907.

Copy.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON, March 1, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is enclosed a report from Commissioner Bixby, dated February 7, 1907, transmitting the record relative to the application for enrollment of Nesbit Colbert as a Choctaw freedman. On February 8, 1907, the Commissioner held that the applicant was not entitled to enrollment.

The decision of the Commissioner has been examined and found to be correct and its approval is recommended.

Very respectfully,

C.F.Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

JPB-ML.

17-MB-32

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 3, 1907.

Henry Colbert,

Hugo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on March 4, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of February 7, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Nesbit Colbert as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rodgers.

Acting Commissioner.

17-NB-32

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 3, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that on March 4, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of February 7, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Nesbit Colbert as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rodgers.

Acting Commissioner.

17-NB-32

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 1, 1906.

Laura Colbert,

Hugo, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

It appears from the records of the Commissioner that an application was received at this office on July 26, 1906, for the enrollment of your child, Nesbit Colbert, as a Choctaw freedman.

You are advised that the time within which applications could be received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of minor children under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expired July 25, 1906.

It has recently been held by the Department that the minor children of Choctaw freedmen who were living on March 4, 1906, are entitled to enrollment provided application was made within the time prescribed by law, or prior to July 25, 1906.

If it is claimed that such an application was made for the enrollment of your child, above named, prior to July 25, 1906, you should appear before the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka, Indian Territory, any time prior to January 1, 1907, for the purpose of presenting testimony relative to the submission of such application within the required time.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Refer in reply to the following:
Land: 13721-1907.

Copy.

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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

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Secretary.

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Viola Johnson

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Clay Webster Clark

Henry Orbin Clark.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 1903

Department of the Interior,
Commissioner To The Five Civilized Tribes.

Enrollment of Minors. Act of Congress, Approved April 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Clay Webster Clark / Henry Orbin Clark, born on the 3d day of Sept 1903.
Here insert name of child.

Name of Father: Henry C. Clark a non citizen of the ..... Nation
Name of Mother: Mary Clark a citizen of the Choctaw Nation
Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw Freedman No 2410
Postoffice Wonoka I. T.

Affidavit of Mother.

UNITED STATES of AMERICA, Indian Territory, } District.

I, Mary Clark on oath state that I am 21 years of age and a citizen by Freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Henry C. Clark who is a non citizen, by ..... of the ..... Nation; that a Twin child was
Male or Female.
born to me on 3d day of Sept, 1903.; that said child has been named Clay Webster Clark / Henry Orbin Clark and was living March 4, 1906.

her
Mary Clark.
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
[Must be two Witnesses.] John H. Hartmann
E. B. Turner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of July 1906.

R. M. Cochran
Notary Public,

Affidavit of Attending Physician or MID-WIFE

UNITED STATES of AMERICA, Indian Territory, } District.

I, Sylvia McPeters, a Mid-Wife on oath state that I attended on Mary Clark wife of Henry C. Clark on the 3d day of Sept 1903.; that there was born to her on said date a Two
Male or Female.
child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Clay Webster Clark / Henry Orbin Clark

her
Silvia McPeters
mark

WITNESSES MARK:
Wust be two Witnesses. John H. Hartmann
Percilla McClure

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of June 1906.

R. M. Cochran
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Henry D. Clark

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Henry O. Clark [Here insert name of child], born on the 3rd day of Sept. 1903.

Name of Father: Henry C. Clark a citizen of the U. S.

Name of Mother: Mary Clark a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother Choc. Frd. #2410.

Postoffice Wapanucka, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Southern District. }

I, Mary Clark, on oath state that I am 38 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Henry C. Clark, who is a citizen, ~~by~~ ....., ~~of the~~ U. S. ~~Nation~~; that a male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 3rd day of Sept. 1903; that said child has been named Henry O. Clark and was living March 4, 1906.

her
Mary + Clark
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Andrew J. Greenhill

[Must be Two Witnesses] { Howard Clark
W. C. Kelly

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... 1906.

Andrew J. Greenhill
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
..... District. }

I, ..., a ....., on oath state that I attended on ....., wife of ..... on the ..... day of ..... 1..... ; that there was born to her on said date a ..... [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named .....

.....

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... 1906.

.....
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Henry C Clark

as a citizen of Freedman

Choctaw Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

Date of Birth
Sept 3 1903

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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COMMISSIONER

Original application received April 26 1906.
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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Freedmen Choctaw Nation,

of Henry O. Clark [Here insert name of child], born on the 3d day of Sept 1903.

Name of Father: Henry C. Clark a "citizen" of the "Non." Nation.

Name of Mother: Mary Clark "Freedmen" a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father — Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw Freedmen

Postoffice Wynnewood, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Southern District. }

I, Mary Clark, on oath state that I am 38 years of age and a citizen by Birth of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Henry Clark, who is a citizen, by Birth, of the Kansas ~~Nation~~; that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 3 day of Sept 1903; that said child has been named Henry O. Clark and was living March 4, 1906, and is still living

Mary her X mark Clark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] John B Edwards
W P Moody

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of Dec 1906.

My Commission Exp. Feb. 9th. 1910.

James W. McCabe
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Southern District. }

I, Sylvia McPeters, Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mary Clark, wife of Henry C. Clark on the 3d day of Sept 1903; that there was born to her on said date a male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Henry O. Clark and is Still living

Sylvia McPeters

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of Jan 1907.

W M Cochran
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Viola Johnson

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation

Approved 190

Commissioner.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 20

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Viola Johnson (Here insert name of child.), born on the 28th day of Jan, 1904

Name of Father: Alex Johnson, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Annie Johnson, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Postoffice Fanin I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, }
Central DISTRICT }

I, Annie Johnson, on oath state that I am 32 years of age and a citizen by Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Alex Johnson, who is ~~a citizen~~, by Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a female (Male or Female.) child was born to me on 28th day of Jan., 1904; that said child has been named Viola Johnson, and is now living.

her
Annie X Johnson
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) { Cyrus Wiley B. Eaum

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of April, 1904.

J. M. Murrah
Notary Public.

Com. exp. Oct 21-1905

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, }
Central DISTRICT. }

I, Isabel Reynolds, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Annie Johnson, wife of Alex Johnson on the 28th day of Jan., 1904; that there was born to her on said date a female (Male or Female.) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Viola Johnson

her
Isabel X Reynolds
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) { Cyrus Wiley B. Eaum

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of April, 1904.

J. M. Murrah
Notary Public.

Com. exp. Oct 21-1905

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Viola Johnson

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

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Commissioner.

Act of Congress Apr 26 1906
Enrolled Dec 26 1905

Commissioner's Office
Received
Muskogee, Apr 26 1906.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Viola Johnson, born on the 28 day of Jan, 1905

[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: A M Johnson a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Annie Johnson a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Grant Ft.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Annie Johnson, on oath state that I am 34 years of age and a citizen by Adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of A M Johnson, who is a citizen, by Adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that a Female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 28 day of Jan 1905 that said child has been named Viola Johnson and was living March 4, 1906.

Annie Johnson

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of Dec 1906.

D P Hargus

Notary Public.

Grant Ft.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Isabela Rumels, a Midwife on oath state that I attended on Mrs Annie Johnson wife of A M Johnson on the 28 day of Jan 1905 that there was born to her on said date a Female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Viola Johnson

her
Isabela X Rumels
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of Dec 1906.

D P Hargus

Notary Public.

Grant Ft.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 11, 1905.

Alex Johnson,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Annie Johnson and Isobel Reynolds to the birth of Viola Johnson, child of Alex and Annie Johnson, January 28, 1905.

It appears from our records that Alex Johnson is a Choctaw freedman and you are advised that under the provisions of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1905, the Commission is authorized for a period of sixty days from that date to receive applications for the enrollment of children born to enrolled citizens by blood of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations, you will therefore see that the Commission is without authority to enroll children born to Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 3, 1906.

Alex Johnson,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of September 20, 1906, asking relative to the application for the enrollment of Violer Johnson.

In reply to your letter you are advised that affidavits have been received at this office to the birth of Viola Johnson, but the question of the right of children of Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen to enrollment under the act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, is now pending before the Department and you will be notified of the action taken in regard to the affidavits to the birth of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 12, 1906.

Alex Johnson,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Viola Johnson, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of said child showing whether or not she was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact. For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of said child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

17-MB-33

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 7, 1907.

Alex Johnson,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Annie Johnson and Isabella Runels to the birth of Viola Johnson child of A. M. and Annie Johnson, January 28, 1905, and the same have been filed in the matter of the enrollment of said child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 34

Elzora U. Jones

M. Fr. 34

MINOR 34

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Elzora U. Jones

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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Department of the Interior,
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,
F I L E D
JAN 3 1902

Thos Ryan
Acting Chairman.

Choctaw Freedmen
1017

Indian Territory,
Central District.

I hereby certify that this instrument was filed for record in my office at ------O'clock----M----1896 and is duly recorded in Book 7 page 135.

P. B. Stoner Clerk.
By----------Deputy.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

No. 233

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
(
INDIAN TERRITORY.) SS.
(
CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT.)

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and Publish the Banns of Matrimony between Mr. John Jones of Stringtown in the Indian Territory, aged twenty-two years and Miss Emma Orr of Stringtown in the Indian Territory, aged twenty-four years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this License to the parties therein named.

Witness my hand and Official Seal this 19th day of November A.D. 1896.

P. B. Stoner
Clerk of the U. S. Court.
By Geo. R. Seward
Deputy----------

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CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

United States of America,)
Indian Territory. (SS.
Central Judicial District.) I---------- ---- ----------
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do hereby certify, that on the -----day of----------A.D. L89---
I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the banns of Matrimony between the parties therein named.

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Witness my hand this 19 day ofNoenber A.D. 1896.

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the UNITED STATES Court in the Indian Territory Central Judicial District Book a at page 55.

By Rev C. W. Watkins.
A minister of the Gospel of Stringtown,
I.T.

Note:- This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory, from whence it was issued, within sixty days from the date thereof, or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars ($100)

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Elzora V Jones

as a citizen of Freedman Choctaw Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

Dec 31 1906

1771334 April 26 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS. APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Elzora U. Jones [here insert name of child], born on the 26 day of April 1904

Name of Father: John Jones a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Emma Jones a citizen of the U. S Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Stonewall, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, } Central Judicial District. }

I, Emma Jones, on oath state that I am 39 years of age and a citizen by ..... of the U. S. Nation;

that I am the lawful wife of John Jones, who is a citizen, by Adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was

born to me on 26th day of April 1904; that said child has been named

Elzora U. Jones, and was living March 4, 1906

Emma Jones

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] } .....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of Dec 1906.

D. S. Kennedy

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, } Central Judicial District. }

I, Mary Colbert, a Midwife, on oath state that I

attended on Emma Jones, wife of John Jones

on the 26th day of April 1904; that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female]

child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Elzora U. Jones

her

Mary + Colbert

mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Geo. McGee

[Must be Two Witnesses] } J. Hunt

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of Dec 1906.

D. S. Kennedy

Notary Public.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE BIRTH

OF Elzora U. Jones

CHOCTAW COMMISSION NO 184

17-1017

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Affidavit of Attending Physician or Midwife.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central Judicial DISTRICT.

I, Mary Colbert a Midwife

on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Emma Jones the

wife of John Jones, on the 26th day of

April, 1904, that there was born to her on said date a

female child, that said child is now living, and is said to have
Male or Female.

been named Elzor U. Jones.

her
Mary + Colbert
mark
M D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 23 day of Feby 1904

D. S Kennedy
Notary Public.

WITNESSETH:

Must be two witnesses who are citizens and know the child. { Ellar Mathews / Frances Pattan

We hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Mary Colbert,

a Midwife and know her to be reputable and of good

standing in the community

Must be two citizen witnesses { Ellar Mathews / Frances Pattan

NEW-BORN AFFIDAVIT.

Number

Choctaw Enrolling Commission.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, of Elzora U. Jones
Name of Child.

born on the 26th day of April 1904

Name of father John Jones a citizen of Choctaw

Nation final; enrollment No 2136

Name of mother Emma Jones a citizen of U.S.

Nation; final enrollment No

Postoffice Stringtown I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central Judicial DISTRICT

I Emma Jones, on oath state that I am 37 years of age and a citizen by of the U.S. Nation, and as such have been placed upon the final roll of the Nation, by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior my final enrollment number being ; that I am the lawful wife of John Jones, who is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and as such has been placed upon the final roll of said Nation by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, his final enrollment number being 2136 and that a female child was born to me on the 26th day of April 1904; that said child has been named Elzora U. Jones, and is now living.
Male or Female.

WITNESSETH: Emma Jones

Must be two Witnesses who are Citizens. Ella Mathus
Frances L. [illegible]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of Feby 1905

P. Skinnedy
Notary Public.

My commission expires Nov. 1st 1905

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IN RE APPLICATION FOR
ENROLLMENT OF

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress
Approved April 26, 1906.

Elzora Jones

as a citizen of

Choctaw ----Nation.

Approved ---- 190-

Commissioner.

M. M. LINDLY—Attorney at Law,
South McAlester, I. T.

Original application
filed in Clerk's office
April 26. 1906.

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Birth Affidavit.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as Freedman member of the Choctaw Nation,

of Elzora Jones, born on the 26 day of April 1904

Name of Father: John Jones, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Emma Jones, a citizen of the ——— Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Choctaw Tribal enrollment of mother ———

Enrollment No. of father No. ——— Enrollment No. of mother No. ———

Postoffice Stringtown, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Emma Jones, on oath state that I am 39 years of age and a citizen by ——— of the ——— Nation,

that I am the lawful wife of John Jones, who is a citizen, by adaption, of the Choctaw Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was

born to me on 26 day of April 1904; that said child has been named

Elzora Jones, and was living March 4, 1906.

Emma Jones

Witnesses to Mark:

[Must be two Witnesses]. }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of July 1906.

H. Augustus Jones

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Mary Calbert, a citizen, on oath state that I

attended on Emma Jones, wife of John Jones,

on the 26 day of April 1904; that there was born to her on said date a

female child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been

[Male or Female]

named Elzora Jones

her
Mary X Calbert
mark

Witnesses to Mark: Wm. Leitz

[Must be two Witnesses]. } Gallie Harris

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of July 1906.

H. Augustus Jones

Notary Public.

17 MB 34.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 12, 1906.

John Jones,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Elzora U. Jones, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary for you to furnish this office with a new affidavit of the attending physician or mid-wife.

From the affidavit of Mary Colbert which is on file in this office it cannot be determined whether she attended Emma Jones, wife of John Jones, at the birth of said child in the capacity of midwife or not; if she acted in the capacity of mid-wife you should so state in the new affidavit. In addition it will be necessary that you furnish this office with evidence of your marriage to Emma Jones, the mother of this child.

Youshould give this matter your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the application for the enrollment of said minor child as a Choctaw freedman until this evidence is furnished.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter a new

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blank is herewith inclosed which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 7, 1907.

John Jones,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 21, 1906, inclosing affidavits of Emma Jones and Mary Colbert to the birth of Elzora Jones April 26, 1904, and the same have been filed in the matter of the enrollment of said child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 35
Hattie Folsom

M. Fr. 35

MINOR 35

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Hattie Folsom

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Hattie Folsom.

as a citizen of the

Choctaw Nation.

Approved _____ 190_

_____

Commissioner.

Born Aug 25-1901.

Received

JUL 1 5 1904

N. B. 17-735

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Hattie Folsom, born on the 25 day of August, 1901.
(Here insert name of child.)
Name of Father: Thos Folsom, a citizen of the Creek Nation.
Name of Mother: Cora Lena Folsom, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Post-Office: Braden I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Cora Lena Folsom, on oath state that I am about 30 years of age and a citizen, by Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Thos Folsom, who is a citizen, by Freedman, of the Creek Nation, that a Female child was born to me on the 25 day of August 1901; that said child has been named Hattie Folsom, and is now living.

Cora Lena Folsom

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of July 1904.

W M Ashworth
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Maria Rogers, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Cora Lena Folsom, wife of Thos Folsom, on the 25 day of August, 1901; that there was born to her on said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Hattie Folsom.

her
Maria × Rogers
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) Silas Barrett
W E Allen

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of July 1904.

W M Ashworth
Notary Public.

Testimony of Cora Lua Fulson

What is your name Cora Lua Fulson
How old are you about 34
Where do you reside, I T
Has you ever been married from Thos Fulson Pres
Minco, I T Aug 1 I T
Have you a little boy with, She is living with me
Where was you married about 3 years ago
Who did the parties get the third for
the last of May
Have you any other witness to
marriage except mother Yes Sir, I believe
that is all the witness, I have about
Cora Lua Fulson
Is that all I have on that is not
enrolled
Are you a Citizen of Indian for
your self and Yes Sir
Does all of you live with you Yes
Does any of them live with them, that Testify

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
30th day of January 1907

Notary Public

Jcc

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Jas. Folsom
Freeman

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved..... 190...

FEB 1 1907

Commissioner.

Date of birth
Aug 25, 1911

FEB 1 1907

Original application
1771 35 received
April 26, 1906.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the ..... Nation,

of ..... [Here insert name of child], born on the ..... day of ..... 1.....

Name of Father: ..... a citizen of the ..... Nation.

Name of Mother: ..... a citizen of the ..... Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice .....

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Dora Lena Fulsom, on oath state that I am about 34 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I ~~am~~ was the lawful wife of Thos Fulsom, who is a citizen, by freedman, of the Creek Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was born to me on the 25th day of August, 1901; that said child has been named Hatter Fulsom and was living March 4, 1906.

Dora ....

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of January 1907.

J L Gary
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Maria Rogers, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Dora Lena Folsom, wife of Thos Fulsom on the 25th day of August 1901; that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Hatter Fulsom

her
Maria X Rogers
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] J L Gary
No other person present who could write

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of January 1907.

J L Gary
Notary Public.

Lula Dillahunt present

17-735

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 27, 1904.

Cora Lena Folsom,

Braden, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 20th inst., requesting a blank application for the enrollment of an infant child, stating that your daughter, Hattie Folsom, now about 3 years of age has never been enrolled and you request to be advised what steps are necessary to be taken to have her enrolled as a Choctaw freedman.

You are advised it does not appear from our records that any application has ever been made for the enrollment of your minor child, Hattie Folsom, and under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, the Commission is now without authority to receive or consider the original application for enrollment of any person whomsoever as a citizen or freedman of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

17-735

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 15, 1904.

Thomas Folsom,

Braden, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Cora Lena Fulsom and Maria Rogers, relative to the birth of your infant daughter, Hattie Fulsom, August 25, 1901, which it is presumed have been forwarded to this office as an application for enrollment of said child as a Choctaw freedman.

It appears from the affidavits that Hattie Fulsom was born prior to the ratification September 25, 1902, of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, but it does not appear that any previous application for her enrollment has ever been made and under the provisions of said Act of Congress, the Commission is now without authority to receive or consider the original application for enrollment of any person whomsoever as a citizen or freedman of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 15, 1904

Cora Lena Folsom,

Braden, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 7th instant, stating that C. B. Carter sent an application for the enrollment of your infant daughter Hattie Folsom to the Commission in 1901, but that he died before any acknowledgment of the same was made, and you request to be advised in the matter.

You are informed that on July 15, 1904, there was received at this office the affidavits of Cora L. Folsom and Maria Rogers relative to the birth of Hattie Folsom August 28, 1901, and receipt of the same properly acknowledged to Thomas Folsom, Braden Indian Territory. It does not appear, however, that any previous application has ever been received by the Commission for the enrollment of said Hattie Folsom.

If it is insisted that an application was made for the enrollment of said child in 1901 as stated in your letter and you desire to establish the fact, you and your witnesses will be heard in the matter upon personal appearance before the Commission at its

C. L. F. #8

office in Muskogee, Indian Territory. It will be necessary, however, that the matter receive prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-735

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 14, 1906.

Cara Lena Folsom,

Braden, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Your letter of September 2, 1906, addressed to the Secretary of the Interior, has been by him referred to this office for consideration and appropriate action. Therein you ask if Hattie Folsom is approved.

In reply to your letter you are advised that affidavits have been received to the birth of Hattie Folsom, but the question of whether children of Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen are entitled to enrollment under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, is now pending before the Department. You will be notified of such action as is taken in this case.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 12, 1906.

Thomas Folsom,

Braden, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Hattie Folsom, as a minor Choctaw freedman, under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits showing whether or not this child was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact. For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is inclosed herewith a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that further disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of said child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 20, 1906.

Cora L. Fulsom,

Braden, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 10th instant, wherein you state that Thomas Fulsom, the father of your child, Hattie Fulsom, is not living at Braden at this time, and requesting to be advised if a letter has been addressed to him concerning the enrollment of said minor child.

In reply thereto you are advised that on December 12, 1905, this office addressed a communication to Thomas Fulsom, wherein he was informed that it would be necessary that this office be furnished with a new affidavit, showing whether or not Hattie Fulsom was living on March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

Inasmuch as said letter has not been delivered to you there is enclosed herewith a new blank, which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date.

Your request that all correspondence relative to said child be addressed to you has been made a matter of record.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

17-WB-35

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 28, 1907.

Cora Lena Folsom,

Braden, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 16, 1907, asking relative to the enrollment of your daughter Hattie Folsom.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it will be necessary that you forward new affidavits to the birth of your child Hattie Folsom on the blank inclosed herewith; you should also forward the affidavits of yourself and your husband Thomas Folsom electing whether you will have this child enrolled as a Choctaw freedman or a Creek freedman.

This information should be forwarded so as to reach this office not later than Febuary 2, 1907.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B. C.

Choc. M. Fr. 36

Linder Harlan

M. Fr. 36

MINOR 36

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Linder Harlan

Decline to receive Feb 13 1907

Record Forwarded Department. Feb 13 1907

Action Approved by Secretary of Interior Mar 2 1907

Notice of Departmental Action Forwarded Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. Apr 4 1907

Notice of Departmental Action Mailled Applicant. Apr 4 1907

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

...Linder Harland.....

as a citizen of

...Choctaw Freedmen..... **Nation.**

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

Department of the Interior
Received Jul 30 1906
Enc No 95 of No 9381
Indian Territory Division
Recd Aug 8-06
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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Freedman Nation,

of Linder Harland [Here insert name of child] born on the 4 day of Mar 1903.

Name of Father: Joe Harland a citizen of the Chickasaw of Freedmen Nation.

Name of Mother: Margaret Harland a citizen of the Choctaw of Freedmen Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Chickasaw freedman. Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw freedman.

Postoffice Franks I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Sou District.

I, Margaret Harland, on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a citizen by blood, of the Choctaw freedmen Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Joe Harland, who is a citizen, by blood, of the Chickasaw freedman Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 4 day of Mar, 1903.; that said child has been named Linder and was living March 4, 1906.

Margret harlin (SEAL)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of July 1906.

W. H. Bradshaw
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Sou District.

I, Mandy Cohee, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Margaret Harland, wife of Joe Harland, on the 4 day of Mar 1903.; that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Linner

her
Manayx Cohee
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses]
D. L. Bradshaw
J. C. Bradshaw

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of July 1906.

W. H. Bradshaw (SEAL)
Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 1, 1906.

Margaret Harland,

Franks, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It appears from the records of the Commissioner that an application was received at this office on August 8, 1906, for the enrollment of your child, Linder Harland, as a Choctaw freedman.

You are advised that the time within which applications could be received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of minor children under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expired July 25, 1906.

It has recently been held by the Department that the minor children of Choctaw freedmen who were living on March 4, 1906, are entitled to enrollment provided application was made within the time prescribed by law, or prior to July 25, 1906.

If it is claimed that such an application was made for the enrollment of your above named child prior to July 25, 1906, you should appear before the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka, Indian Territory, any time prior to January 1, 1907, for the purpose of presenting testimony relative to the submission of such application within the required time.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

This is to certify that I Mandy Cohee a midwife attended on Margaret Harlin wife of Joe Harlin on the 4th day of March 1903 and there was born to her on that day a female child and said child was said to have been named Linder Harlin and was living the 4th day March 1906.

Witness my hand and seal this 17th day of Dec 1906.

Witness
C. E. Sm
D. L. Ging

Mandy her x mark Cohee

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of Dec 1906

George F. Byrd Notary Public
for Southern District Ind Ter

O.L.J.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
Muskogee, I. T., January 31, 1907.

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In the matter of the application for the enrollment of LINDER HARLAN as a Choctaw freedman.

Joe Harlan being sworn and examined, testified as follows:

Q What is your name?
A Joe Harlan.
Q What is your age?
A 29.
Q What is your postoffice?
A Franks.
Q On August 6, 1906, there was received, by reference from the Department of the Interior, birth affidavit for the enrollment of Linder Harland as a Choctaw freedman. Said proof of birth includes the affidavit of Margaret Harland, the mother, and Mandy Cohee, the midwife in attendance at the birth of the child, which were executed July 17 ,1906, before W. H. Burdeshaw, Notary Public. Were you present when these affidavits were executed?
A Yes sir.
Q In what place were they executed?
A Right at the Notary Public's.
Q In what town?
A Franks.
Q On what railroad is Franks?
A It isn't on a railroad.
Q How far from the railroad?
A I guess about 10 miles from the railroad as near as I can get at it - about 10 or 12 miles.
Q What is the railroad station for Franks?
A The Frisco.
Q What is the station?
A The station -
Q What town is it you go to when you go to the railroad?
A Ada.
Q In the Chickasaw Nation?
A Yes sir.
Q Was your wife and the midwife present when these affidavits were executed?
A Yes sir.
Q Do you remember the date on which these affidavits were executed?
A It was the 17th of July if I ain't mistaken.
Q 1906?

A Yes sir.
Q What did you do with them after they were made out?
A The Notary sealed them up and carried them from the office.
Q Where did he take them to?
A The postoffice.
Q When?
A The same day we made them.
Q Did you see that?
A Yes sir.
Q Do you know where he sent them?
A Muskogee.
Q Can you read or write?
A Yes sir, I can read a little.
Q Did you see the address on the envelope?
A Yes sir.
Q What was it?
A He addressed the envelope to Ardmore if I ain't mistaken.
Q Who to down there?
A To Cohee and some one else.
Q Charles Cohee?
A Yes sir; they were to transfer them to Muskogee.
Q Then the envelope containing the affidavit was not sent to Muskogee from Franks?
A No sir, was going to Ardmore and back to Muskogee.
Q Instead of being sent to Muskogee it was sent to Charles Cohee at Ardmore?
A Yes sir.
Q And you don't know what he did with it after that?
A No sir, I don't.
Q Had you ever made any application for the enrollment of this child than this one?
A They made one once before but I wasn't at home then.
Q When was that made?
A I think about 2 years ago. I wasn't at home then.
Q What month?
A I can't tell because I wasn't at home.
Q Was that 1904?
A I may have been 1904.
Q Before whom was it made?
A It was made at Franks?
Q Before whom?
A Before the Notary Public.
Q Do you know what he did with that affidavit?
A No sir, I don't because I wasn't at home.
Q What was the name of that Notary Public?
A Burdeshaw.
Q Same one that executed this one?
A Yes sir, same one.
Q You don't know whether he sent them in or not?
A No sir.
Q Is the mailing of this affidavit to Ardmore and the execution of another affidavit about two years ago before Burdeshaw the only things you, your wife, or any one else has done looking to the enrollment of this child?
A Yes sir.
Q Have you ever written any letters to this office about the enrollment of this child?

A Yes sir.
Q When?
A 9th day of January.
Q What year?
A 1907.
Q This year?
A Yes sir.
Q Any before that?
A No sir, not that I know of.
Q Since you sent this affidavit to Charles Cohee at Ardmore have you seen him?
A No sir, I haven't.
Q Well, this affidavit was first sent to the Department of the Interior at Washington and received by them on July 30, 1906. Do you know why they didn't send this affidavit in before?
A No sir, I don't.
Q How did you happento send it to him?
A Why, the other boys made up some applications at the same time and they wanted to send their applications to Cohee and they done so.
Q Cohee is a colored man?
A Yes sir, I haven't seen him but I think so - he is a colored man.
Q What did you expect Cohee to do with them?
A Well, sir, I don't know.
Q You didn't know whether they would reach this office or not?
A No sir, I didn't think until after they had sent them off.
Q You are a Chickasaw Freedman, are you not?
A Yes sir.
Q Is your wife a Choctaw freedman?
A Yes sir.
Q Is your wife related to Charles Cohee?
A No sir.
Q Wasn't your wife a Cohee before she married you?
A No sir; her mother was a Cohee by marriage.

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I, May Hudson, state upon oath that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes that I correctly recorded the testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

May Hudson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of January, 1907.

Walter W. Chappell
Notary Public

17-NB-36.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the alleged application for the enrollment of Linder Harlan as a Choctaw freedman.

It appears from the record herein that on August 8, 1906, there was received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes written application for the enrollment of Linder Harlan as a Choctaw freedman.

On December 1, 1906, Margaret Harlan, the mother of the applicant, was notified that if it was claimed that application was made for the enrollment of the applicant within the time limited by law, she should appear before the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka, Indian Territory any time prior to January 1, 1907, for the purpose of presenting testimony relative to the submission of such application within the required time.

On January 31, 1907, Joe Harlan, the father of the applicant, appeared before the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes at Muskogee, Indian Territory and testified relative to the submission of the application for the enrollment of the applicant within the required time.

On said date he testified that about two years ago an affidavit was made out before W. H. Burdeshaw, a notary public, in proof of the birth of the applicant and that he did not know what became of the affidavit; that the proof of birth received at this office on August 8, 1906, was executed before W. H. Burdeshaw, a notary public, that the same was forwarded to one Charles Cohee, at Ardmore, Indian Territory, on July 17, 1906 and that he did not know what became of the proof of birth thereafter.

It does not appear from the records of this office that any application of any nature whatsoever had been made for the enrollment of the applicant herein prior to July 26, 1906, nor does it appear that Charles Cohee was at any time during the year 1906 in the employ of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I am of the opinion that inasmuch as no application was made for the enrollment of the applicant, Linder Harlan, as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of Section 2 of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats. 137), I am without authority to receive or consider or make any record of any application for her enrollment as such, and that I should decline to receive or consider the same, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,
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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 13, 1907.

Joe Harlan,

Franks, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 13, 1907, declining to receive the application for the enrollment of Linder Harlan, as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered
Incl. 17-NB-36.

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 13, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 13, 1907, declining to receive the application for the enrollment of Linder Harlan as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Incl. 17-MB-36.

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 13, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Linder Harlan as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 13, 1907, declining to receive said application.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

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Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON.

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March 2,1907.

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DIRECT.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Your decisions in the following Choctaw citizenship cases adverse to the applicants are hereby affirmed.

Copies of Indian Office letters submitting your reports and recommending that the decisions be affirmed are inclosed:

Title of Case.		Date of your letter of transmittal.
John W. Betts, et al		June 19,1906,
Rachel Dyer		December 20,1906,
Mary E. Price,	(intermarriage)	February 14,1907,
Ella Horn, et al.	(freedmen)	February 14,1907,
James E. Mahardy,	(freedman)	February 14,1907,
Andy Cotton,	(freedman)	February 14,1907,
Oscar L. Stone	(intermarriage)	February 14,1907,
Archie Newton, et al.	(freedmen)	February 14,1907,
Charlotta McCurtain,	(intermarriage)	February 14,1907,
Cleoris Phillips,		February 14,1907,
Rasaphelt Burter	(freedman)	February 11,1907,
Lewis Bird Springs,	(freedman)	February 7,1907,
Rutha Green,	(freedman)	February 11,1907.

Title of Case.	Date of your letter of transmittal.
Sam Stewart (freedman)	February 11, 1907.
Jane Freeman, et al (freedman)	January 26, 1907.
Myree Dangerfield, et al. (freedmen)	January 26, 1907.
Linder Harlan (freedman)	February 13, 1907.
Frieda Lucas, et al. (Miss. Choc.)	February 12, 1907.
Inez Crunk, et al. (Miss. Choc.)	February 12, 1907.
Maggie Cotton (freedman)	February 8, 1907.
William F. Cook, (Miss. Choc.)	February 11, 1907.
Wavery Columbus Hunter, et al. (Miss. Choc.)	February 12, 1907.
Augustus Anderson (freedman)	February 13, 1907.
Albert Fulsom, et al. (freedmen)	February 13, 1907.
David Dyer	February 13, 1907.
Martha J. Moore, et al.	December 22, 1906.
Bill Daniels, et al. (freedmen)	February 14, 1907.
Melvina King, et al.	January 29, 1907.
Levi Cornish, et al. (Miss. Choc.)	February 12, 1907.
John Roberts	January 25, 1907.
Joe P. Hunter (Miss. Choc.)	February 12, 1907.
Florence L. Roberts (Miss. Choc.)	February 12, 1907.

A copy hereof and the papers in the above mentioned cases have been sent to the Indian Office.

Respectfully,

Jesse E. Wilson,

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON.

February 27,1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to invite your attention to the enclosed record of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes in the matter of the alleged application for the enrollment of Linder Harlan as a Choctaw freedman.

The Commissioner in his decision sets out the record concerning the attempted applications for the enrollment of the applicant, and on February 13,1907, determined that it did not appear from the records of his office that any application of any nature whatsoever had been made for the enrollment prior to July 26,1906, and for that reason rejected him.

It is evident that no application was made for the enrollment of Linder Harlan within the time prescribed by law, and for that reason it is recommended that the decision of the Commissioner be approved.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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17-MB-36

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 4, 1907.

Joe Harlan,

Franks, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on March 2, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of February 13, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Linder Harlan as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rogers,

Acting Commissioner.

17-NB-36

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 4, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that on March 2, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of February 13, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Linder Harlan as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 1, 1906.

Margaret Harland,

Franks, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

It appears from the records of the Commissioner that an application was received at this office on August 8, 1906, for the enrollment of your child, Linder Harland, as a Choctaw freedman.

You are advised that the time within which applications could be received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of minor children under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expired July 25, 1906.

It has recently been held by the Department that the minor children of Choctaw freedmen who were living on March 4, 1906, are entitled to enrollment provided application was made within the time prescribed by law, or prior to July 25, 1906.

If it is claimed that such an application was made for the enrollment of your above named child prior to July 25, 1906, you should appear before the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka, Indian Territory, any time prior to January 1, 1907, for the purpose of presenting testimony relative to the submission of such application within the required time.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 19, 1907.

Margaret Harland,

Franks, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 3, 1906, inclosing affidavit of Mandy Cohee to the birth of Linder Harlin, March 4, 1906, as a Choctaw freedman.

You are advised that the time within which applications could be received for the enrollment of minor children of Choctaw and Chickasaw citizens under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expired July 25, 1906.

If it is claimed that such an application was made for the enrollment of your child Linder Harland, prior to July 25, 1906 you should appear before the General office at Muskogee, Indian Territory any time during the month of January 1907 for the purpose of presenting testimony relative to the submission of such application.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Sammy Jeffries

Ida Lee Jeffries

Lura Lee Jeffries

M. Fr. 37

MINOR 37

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Sammy Jeffries
Ida Lee Jeffries
Lura Lee Jeffries

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ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

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as a citizen of

..... Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Sammie Jeffries [Here insert name of child], born on the 4th day of Sept 1902

Name of Father: Elias Jeffries a citizen of the ~~Choctaw~~ Nation.

Name of Mother Georgia Jeffries a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Antlers Indian Territory

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Georgia Jeffries, on oath state that I am 26 years of age and a citizen ~~by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Elias Jeffries, who is a Non citizen, ~~by~~ of the ~~Nation~~; that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 4th day of September 1902; that said child has been named Sammie Jeffries and was living March 4, 1906.

Georgia Jeffries

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of February 1907

Earl Patterson
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Ruth Willis, a Mid-Wife, on oath state that I attended on Georgia Jeffries, wife of Elias Jeffries on the 4th day of September 1902; that there was born to her on said date a ..... [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named

Sammie Jeffries

Ruth Willis

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of February 1907

Earl Patterson
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Ida Lee Jeffries

as a citizen of

Choctaw Freedman Nation.

Approved 190

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Ida Lee Jeffries, born on the 27 day of Febry, 1905

(Here insert name of child.)

Name of Father: Elias Jeffries a citizen of the N.S. Nation.

Name of Mother: Georgia Jeffries a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

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AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central DISTRICT.

I, Georgia Jeffries, on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Elias Jeffries, who is a citizen, by ——, of the N.S. Nation; that a Female child was (Male or Female.)

born to me on 27 day of Febry 1905; that said child has been named Ida Lee Jeffries, and is now living.

Georgia Jeffers

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of March 1905.

W. D. Gleaves

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central DISTRICT.

I, Eliza Houston, a Mid wife on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Georgia Jeffries, wife of Elias Jeffries on the 27 day of Febry, 1905; that there was born to her on said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Ida Lee Jeffries

(Male or Female.)

her
Eliza X Houston
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) Arthur Adams

Hugh Davis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of March 1905.

W. D. Gleaves

Notary Public.

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Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Ida Lee Jeffries

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved FEB 9 1907 190...

Commissioner.

Original application NB 37 received April 26 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS. APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Ida Lee Jeffries [Here insert name of child], born on the 27th day of February 1905.

Name of Father: Elias Jeffries a citizen of the Nation.

Name of Mother: Georgie Jeffries by adoption a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Freedman by adoption Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw

Postoffice Antlers I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central Judicial District. }

I, Georgie Jeffries, on oath state that I am 27 years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Elias Jeffries, who is a citizen, by ..... of the ..... Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 27th day of February 1905.; that said child has been named Ida Lee Jeffries and was living March 4, 1906.

Georgie Jeffries

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] Jno G Farr

Leas Jeffers

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of January 1906 1907

R. Ahaha

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central Judicial District. }

I, Ruth Willis, a mid-wife, on oath state that I attended on Georgie Jeffries, wife of Elia Jeffries on the 27th day of February 1905; that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Ida Lee Jeffries

Ruth Willis

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] Jno G Farr

Leas Jeffers

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of January 1907

R. Ahaha

Notary Public.

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as a citizen of

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Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Ida Lee Jeffries [Here insert name of child] born on the 27 day of February 1905

Name of Father: Elias Jeffries a Non citizen of the Nation.

Name of Mother Georgia Jeffries a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Tribal enrollment of mother 6992

Postoffice Ardmore Indian Territory

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Georgia Jeffries, on oath state that I am 26 years of age and a citizen by Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Elias Jeffries, who is a Non citizen, by ~~of the~~ Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 27th day of February, 1905; that said child has been named Ida Lee Jeffries and was living March 4, 1906.

Georgia Jeffries

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of February 1906

Earl Patterson
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Ruth Willis, a Mid-wife, on oath state that I attended on Georgia Jeffries, wife of Elias Jeffries on the 27 day of February, 1905; that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Ida Lee Jeffries

Ruth Willis

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of February 1906

Earl Patterson
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Sammy Jeffries

as a citizen of

Choctaw Freedman Nation.

Approved 190

..... Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

MORE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Sammy Jeffries (Here insert name of child), born on the 4 day of Sept, 1902

Name of Father: Elias Jeffries, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Georgia Jeffries, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

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AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, } Central DISTRICT.

I, Georgia Jeffries, on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Elias Jeffries, who is a citizen, by ....., of the ..... Nation; that a male (Male or Female.) child was born to me on 4 day of Sept 1902; that said child has been named Sammy Jeffries, and is now living.

Georgia Jeffers

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) { .....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of March 1905

W F Glenn

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, } Central DISTRICT.

I, Eliza Houston, a Mid wife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Georgia Jeffries, wife of Elias Jeffries on the 4 day of Sept, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a male (Male or Female.) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Sammy Jeffries.

her
Eliza x Houston
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) { Ophelia Adams
Hugh L Davis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of March 1905

W F Glenn

Notary Public.

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MINOR CHILD

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Sammy Jeffries

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

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Commissioner.

Record application received April 26, 1906.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS. APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Sammy Jeffries [Here insert name of child], born on the 24th day of December 1902

Name of Father: Elias Jeffries a citizen of the Nation.

Name of Mother: Georgia Jeffries a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father by adoption Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw Freedma

Postoffice Antlers I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central Judicial District. }

I, Georgia Jeffries by adoption on oath state that I am Twenty Seven 27 years of age and a citizen by Freedman of the Choctaw Nation;

that I am the lawful wife of Elias Jaffries, who is a citizen, by ..... of the ..... Nation; that a male [Male or Female] child was

born to me on 24 th day of December 1902; that said child has been named

Sammy Jeffries and was living March 4, 1906.

Georgie Jeffries

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] Thos Farr
Elias Jeffers

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of January 1907

R Thaha
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central Judicial District. }

I, Ruth Willis, a mid-wife, on oath state that I attended on Georgia Jeffries, wife of Elias Jaffries,

on the 24th day of December 1902; that there was born to her on said date a male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named

Sammy Jeffries Ruth Willis

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] Thos Farr
Elias Jeffers

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of January 1907

R Thaha
Notary Public.

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IN RE
Application for Enrollment of
INFANT CHILD
Lura Lee Jeffries
as a citizen of
Choctaw Nation.

Approved 190

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

It appearing from the within affidavits that the applicant, Lura Lee Jeffries, was born subsequent to March 4, 1906, I am of the opinion that under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), I am without authority to receive, consider or make any record of any application for the enrollment of said Lura Lee Jeffries as a Choctaw freedman and therefore I should decline to receive the same, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

JAN 31 1907

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 720

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Lura Lee Jeffries (Here insert name of child.), born on the 1st day of January, 1907

Name of Father: Elias Jeffries a citizen of the Nation.

Name of Mother: Georgie Jeffries a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
by adoption(freedman)

Postoffice Antlers I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central Judicial DISTRICT.

I, Georgie Jeffries, on oath state that I am 27 years of age and a citizen, by adoption (freedman) the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Elias Jeffries, who is a citizen, by , of the Nation; that a female (Male or Female.) child was born to me on 1st day of January 1907; that said child has been named Lura Lee Jeffries, and is now living.

Georgie Jeffries

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.)
Jno G Farr
Lias Jeffers

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of January 1907.

R. Shaha
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central Judicial DISTRICT.

I, Caroline Jackson, a mid-wife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Georgie Jeffries, wife of Elias Jeffries on the 1st day of January, 1907 that there was born to her on said date a female (Male or Female.) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Lura Lee Jeffries.

Caroline her X Jackson mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.)
Jno G Farr
Lias Jeffers

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of January 1907.

R. Shaha
Notary Public.

Choctaw Freedman
458.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 6, 1905.

Elias Jeffers,

Razor, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Georgia Jeffers and Eliza Houston to the birth of Sammie and Ida Lee Jeffers, children of Elias and Georgia Jeffers, ~~September 4~~, 1902, and February 27, 1905, respectively.

You are advised that under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 3, 1905, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes is authorized for a period of sixty days from that date to receive applications for the enrollment of children born to enrolled citizens by blood of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations prior to March 4, 1905.

You will therefore see that the Commission is without authority to enroll children born to Choctaw and Chickasaw Freedmen.

Respectfully,

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 20, 1906.

Georgie Jeffers,

Razor, Texas.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 21, 1906, asking if applications for the enrollment of your children, Sammy and Ida Lee Jeffers, have been received.

In reply you are advised that affidavits to the birth of your children, Sammy and Ida Lee Jeffers, have been received and the same will receive consideration.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17 NB 37.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 12, 1906.

Elias Jeffries,

Razor, Texas.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your children, Sammy Jeffries and Ida Lee Jeffries, as minor Choctaw freedmen under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of said children showing whether or not they were living March 4, 1906, as affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact. For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there are herewith inclosed new blanks which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of said children.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 30,1907

Elias Jeffries,

Antlers, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 23, transmitting affidavits to the birth of your children, Sam and Ida Lee Jeffries; also affidavits to the birth of Carrie Willis, child of Frances Willis and Elias Willis, child of Ruth Willis, and the same have been filed with the records in the matter of the enrollment of said children.

Receipt is also acknowledged of the affidavits of Ruth Willis and Rose Willis to the birth of Gus Willis, child of Ruth Willis, February 17, 1906. You are advised that it does not appear from the records of this office that application has heretofore been made for the enrollment of this child and under the act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, the time within which applications for enrollment as citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations could be received expired July 25, 1906.

Receipt is further acknowledged of affidavits to the birth of Lura Lee Jeffries, child of Elias and Georgia Jeffries, January 1, 1907, and Willie Thompson, child of Harrison and Francis Thompson December 26, 1906, and you are advised that the act of Congress of April 26, 1906, above referred to, only provided for the enrollment

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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of children who were living March 4, 1906, and there is no authority for the enrollment of children born subsequent to that date.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 6, 1907.

Georgie Jeffers,

Antlers, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of February 18, 1907, in which you ask if you may file for your two minor children Sammy and Ida Lee Jeffers.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the name of your children Sammy and Ida Lee Jeffers have been placed upon a schedule of minor Choctaw freedmen under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, which has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior. When their enrollment is approved by the Department you will be duly notified.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 31 , 1907.

Elias Jeffries,

Antlers, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that it appearing from the records of this office that your minor child, Lura Lee Jeffries was born subsequent to March 4, 1906, the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes declined to receive the application for her enrollment as a minor Choctaw freedman, under date of January 31, 1907.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 38

Jonetta Jones

(jacket empty)

M. Fr. 38

MINOR

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ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Jonetta James

See Choctaw N.B. 635

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Choc. M. Fr. 39

Leaugress Johnson

M. Fr. 39

MINOR 39

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Leaugress Johnson

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 20

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Leangres Johnson (Here insert name of child), born on the 18 day of Nov, 1902

Name of Father: John J Johnson a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Nettie L Johnson a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Post-office ...

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } INDIAN TERRITORY.
Central District. }

I, Nettie L Johnson, on oath state that I am 24 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of John J Johnson, who is a citizen, by ..., of the ... Nation; that a female (Male or female) child was born to me on the 18th day of July, 1914; that said child has been named Leangres Johnson, and is now living.

Nettie L Johnson.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of July, 1914

A J Brown
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } INDIAN TERRITORY.
Central District. }

I, J M Bentley, a Physician, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Nettie L Johnson, wife of John J Johnson on the 18 day of Nov, 1902, that there was born to her on said date a female (MALE OR FEMALE) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Leangres Johnson

J M Bentley

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of July, 1914.

A J Brown
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Leangus Johnson

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved ..... 190..

..... Commissioner.

Born Nov 18 1902

Received

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Laugus Johnson

as a citizen of
CHOCTAW FREEDMAN
Choctaw Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Langues Johnson, [Here insert name of child] born on the 18 day of November 1902

Name of Father: John J. Johnson a citizen of the ——— Nation.

Name of Mother: Nettie L. Johnson a ~~citizen~~ freedwoman of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ——— Tribal enrollment of mother freedwoman

Postoffice Ada, Ind. Territory

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, Southern District.

I, John J. Johnson, on oath state that I am 33 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ ~~intermarriage~~, of the Choctaw Nation; ~~was the husband of Nettie L. Johnson~~ that Nettie L. Johnson is dead; that I ~~was the~~ lawful husband of Nettie L. Johnson, who ~~is~~ was a citizen, by born, of the Choctaw Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was ~~sent~~ born to ~~me~~ Nettie L. Johnson on the 18 day of November, 1902, that said child has been named Langues Johnson, and was living March 4, 1906.

John J. Johnson

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] ———

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of July, 1906.

My Commission Expires Oct. 24th 1909

W. H. Ebey
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, Southern District.

I, Guy Long, a ———, on oath state that I ~~was~~ attended on Nettie L. Johnson, wife of John J. Johnson on the 18th day of Nov. 1902; that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Langues Johnson

Guy Long

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] ———

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of July, 1906.

My Com. Expires Oct. 24th 1909

W. H. Ebey
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Lenora Johnson

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Leangres Johnson, born on the 18 day of November, 1902

[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: John J. Johnson a citizen of the ~~Freedman~~ Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Nettie Johnson a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother Freedman

Postoffice Ada Indian Territory

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Southern District.

I, John J. Johnson ..... on oath state that I am 34 years of age and a citizen by ..... of the ..... Nation; that I ~~am~~ was the lawful wife of Husband of Nettie Johnson (deceased) who was a citizen, by adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that a female child was born to me on the 18th day of November 1902; that said child has been named Leangres Johnson and was living March 4, 1906.

[Male or Female]

John J. Johnson

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of December, 1906.

W. H. Eley
Notary Public.

~~AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE~~

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Southern District.

W. Quincy McMillian and Grey Long each on oath state that he is a disinterested party and knows John J. Johnson and Nettie Johnson husband and wife and knows of his own knowledge that on the 18th day of November 1902 that there was born to her on said date a female child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Leangres Johnson

[Male or Female]

Quincy McMillan

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of December 1906.

W. H. Eley
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Leangres Johnson

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

in Leangres Johnson, born on the 18th day of Nov. 1902
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: John J. Johnson a citizen of the U.S. Nation.

Name of Mother: Nettie L. Johnson a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother Doc. Card. 1980.

Postoffice Atoka, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
..... District.

I, ..., on oath state that I am ..... years of age and a citizen by ....., of the ..... Nation; that I am the lawful wife of ....., who is a citizen, by ....., of the .....Nation; that a .....[Male or Female] child was born to me on ..... day of ..... 1.....; that said child has been named ..... and was living March 4, 1906.

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WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] .....
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... 1906.

.....
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Southern District.

I, Ada Long, ..., on oath state that I was acquainted with attended on Nettie L. Johnson, wife of John J. Johnson on the 18th day of November 1902; that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Leangres Johnson

Ada Long.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Andrew S. Gardenhire
[Must be Two Witnesses] .....
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of Feb. 1907

Andrew S. Gardenhire
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Leangres Johnson

as a citizen of

Choctaw **Nation.**

Approved ..... **190..**

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Commissioner.

Date of Birth
Nov 18. 1902.

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Original application received April 26. 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Leangres Johnson [Here insert name of child], born on the 18th day of Nov. 1902.

Name of Father: John J. Johnson a citizen of the U.S. Nation.

Name of Mother: Nettie L. Johnson a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother. Chod. Freed #1980.

Postoffice Ada, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
..... District. }

I, ... on oath state that I am .....

years of age and a citizen by ..... of the ..... Nation;

that I am the lawful wife of ....., who is a citizen, by

..... of the ..... Nation; that a .....child was
[Male or Female]

born to me on ..... day of ..... ; that said child has been named

..... and was living March 4, 1906

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WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] .....

.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... 1906.

.....
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Southern District. }

I, Guy Long, ~~a~~, on oath state that I

~~was acquainted with~~ attended on Nettie L. Johnson wife of John J. Johnson

on the 18th day of Nov. 1902; that there was born to her on said date a Female [Male or Female]

child: that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Leangres Johnson

Guy Long

Andrew J. Groenhire WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] .....

.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of February 1907

Andrew J. Groenhire
Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 2, 1906.

Galbraith & McKeown,

Attorneys at Law,

Ada, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 18, 1906, transmitting the affidavits of John J. Johnson and Guy Long to the birth of Langres Johnson, child of John J. Johnson and Nettie L. Johnson, November 18, 1902.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17 NB 39.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 13, 1906.

John J. Johnson,

Ada, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Beaugres Johnson, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that as the mother of this child is dead it will be necessary that you furnish this office with affidavits of two disinterested persons who know the date of birth of this child, the names of her parents and whether or not she was living March 4, 1906.

The affidavit of Guy Long which is on file in this office is defective in this that it does not state whether or not he was an attending physician or mid-wife at the birth of this child, you are advised that if no physician or mid-wife was in attendance at the birth of this child it will be necessary that you furnish additional affidavits of two disinterested persons who know the date of birth and the names of her parents and whether or not she was living March 4, 1906.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there

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is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of said child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

17-NB-39.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 20, 1906.

Galbraith & McKeown,

Ada, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of John J. Johnson and Quincy McMillan relative to the birth of Leaugress Johnson, minor child of John J. Johnson and Nettie L. Johnson, born November 18, 1902, for whom application as a Choctaw freedman has heretofore been made.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 40

Washington Authony

Hester Authony

M. Fr. 40

MINOR 40

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Washington Authony
Hester Authony

Decline to receive Feb 21 1907

Copy of Decision Forwarded Applicant Feb 21 1907

Copy of Decision Forwarded Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. Feb 21 1907

Record Forwarded Department Feb 21 1907

Action Approved by Secretary of Interior Mar 4 1907

Notice of Departmental Action Forwarded Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations Apr 13 1907

Notice of Departmental Action Mailed

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

Applicant Apr 13 1907

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Washington Anthony
freedman
as a citizen of
Choctaw Nation.

Approved ..... 190...

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Commissioner.

Born May 23, 1903

N B 40 Aug 15 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Washington Anthony [Here insert name of child], born on the 23 day of May 1903

Name of Father: J. S. Anthony a citizen of the marige Nation.

Name of Mother: Isa eller a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother Freedman

Postoffice Maxwell Ind Ter

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, Southern District.

I, Isa eller Anthony, on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a citizen by Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of J S Anthony, who is a citizen, by marige, of the Choctaw Nation; that a male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 23 day of May 1903; that said child has been named Washington Anthony and was living March 4, 1906.

Isabeller Anthony

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] G W Burnes, Florence Summers

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6 day of August 1906.

Alfred Su ers
Notary Public.
(SEAL)

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, Southern District.

I, Hester Stevenson, a Freedman, on oath state that I attended on Isa eller Anth ony, wife of J S Anthony on the 23 day of May 903; that there was born to her on said date a Mail [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Washington Anthony

her
Hester y Stevenson
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] Nelson Stevenson, Willie Miles

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of August 1906.

(SEAL)

W. G. Landers
Notary Public.

N B 40

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Henter Anthony

freedman

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

Born June 1 0, 1905

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N B 40 Aug 15 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Hester Anthony, born on the 10 day of June 1905
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: J. S. Anthony a citizen of the by marige Nation.

Name of Mother: Isa eller Anthony a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father by marige Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw

Postoffice Maxwell, Ind Ter

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, Southern District.

I, Isa eller Anthony, on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a citizen by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of J. S Anthony, who is a citizen, by marige, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 10 day of June, 1905; that said child has been named Hester Anthony and was living March 4, 1906.

Isa eller Anthony

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] Florence Summers
J. W. McIntyre

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6 day of August 1906.

Alfred Summers
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, Southern District.

I, Hester Stevenson, a Fredman, on oath state that I attended on Isa eller Anthony, wife of J S Anthony on the 10 day of June, 1905; that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Hester Anthony.

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Hester X Stevenson
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] Nelson Stevenson
Willie Miles

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of August 1906.

W. Landers
Notary Public.

(SEAL)

17-NB-40

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 1, 1906.

Isabella Anthony,

Maxwell, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

It appears from the records of the Commissioner that an application was received at this office on August 16, 1906, for the enrollment of your children, Washington and Hester Anthony as Choctaw freedmen.

You are advised that the time within which applications could be received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of minor children under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expired July 25, 1906.

It has recently been held by the Department that the minor children of Choctaw freedmen who were living on March 4, 1906, are entitled to enrollment provided application was made within the time prescribed by law, or prior to July 25, 1906.

If it is claimed that such an application was made for the enrollment of your children above named prior to July 25, 1906, you should appear before the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka IndianTerritory, any time prior to January 1907, for the purpose of presenting testimony relative to the submission of such application within the required time.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-NB-40. W.A.B.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the applications for the enrollment of Washington Anthony and Hester Anthony as Choctaw freedmen.

D E C I S I O N.

It appears from the record herein that on August 15, 1906, there were received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes written applications for the enrollment of Washington Anthony and Hester Anthony as Choctaw freedmen.

It does not appear from the records of this office that any applications of any nature had been received for the enrollment of the applicants prior to July 26, 1906.

On December 1, 1906, Isabella Anthony was notified that if it was claimed that applications had been made for the enrollment of said applicants as Choctaw freedmen within the time provided by the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), she should appear at the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka, Indian Territory, before January 1, 1907, and give testimony relative to the submission of said applications. No evidence was offered in support of said applications.

I am of the opinion that inasmuch as no applications were made for the enrollment of Washington Anthony and Hester Anthony as Choctaw freedmen within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), I am, therefore, without authority to receive or consider or make any record of any applications for their enrollment as such; that I should decline to receive the same, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

FEB 21 [illegible]

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 21, 1907.

J. S. Anthony,

Maxwell, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes dated February 21, 1907, declining to receive or consider the applications for the enrollment of Washington Anthony and Hester Anthony as Choctaw freedmen.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Incl.17-MB-40.

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 21, 1907.

Mansfield,McMurray & Cornish,
Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 21, 1907, declining to receive the applications for the enrollment of Washington Anthony and Hester Anthony as Choctaw freedmen.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Incl. 17-NB-40.

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 21, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior:

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Washington Anthony and Hester Anthony as Choctaw freedmen, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 21, 1907, declining to receive said application.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

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Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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D. C. 12853-1907.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON. March 4, 1907.

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7716,7724,7728, 7734- "

DIRECT.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Your decisions in the following Choctaw enrollment cases adverse to the applicants are hereby affirmed, viz:

Title of Case.	Date of your letter of transmittal.
Alex and Lee G. Lewis (Freedmen)	February 14, 1907.
Cora Bailey (Freedman)	February 13, 1907.
Virginia and Dave Colbert (Freedmen)	February 12, 1907.
Stella Marlow	February 15, 1907.
Joanna Pollock, et al.	December 24, 1906.
Ulysis and Sydney Frazier (Freedmen)	February 14, 1907.
Annie and Danier Carter (Freedmen)	February 14, 1907.
Margie Hall (Freedman)	February 16, 1907.
Lavera Perry (Freedman)	February 7, 1907.
Willie and Bennie Roberts	February 6, 1907.
Clarence Vails	February 7, 1907.
Beatrice and Maudie Jeffres (Freedmen)	February 11, 1907.
L. F. Rhoades, et al.,	February 14, 1907.
Alrener Pitchlynn (Freedman)	February 11, 1907.
Henry and Minnie Reed (Freedmen)	February 11, 1907.
Vivian V. and Clyde Parks	February 11, 1907.
Marvin Clifford Manley	February 7, 1907.
Blanche M. Stark, et al.,	February 20, 1907.

Title of Case.	Date of your letter of transmittal.
James H. Law (Intermarried)	February 6, 1907.
Bell Serna (Miss. Choc.)	February 7, 1907.
David and Mariedell Powell (Freedmen)	February 7, 1907.
Sammie Blunt (Freedman)	February 7, 1907.
Clora and Annie Berry (Freedmen)	February 21, 1907.
Robert Thompson (Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
Washington and Hester Anthony (Freedmen)	February 21, 1907.
Ann and Emmett Walzen (Freedmen)	February 21, 1907.
Dee Wilson (Freedman)	February 20, 1907.
Blanch Johnson (Freedman)	February 16, 1907.
Luvena May Everett (Miss. Choc.)	February 23, 1907.
Viola Warrior (Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
Ella Folsom, et al., (Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
Edward Adamson (Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
Allie May and Amos Williams (Freedmen)	February 21, 1907.
John Ward, et al.,	January 23, 1907.
Frank P. Morgan (Intermarried)	January 24, 1907.
Marion James Robins (Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
William C. York, et al.,	January 16, 1907.
William S. Watters, et al.,	February 23, 1907.
Charley Braggs (Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
Hattie Marie Stewart, et al.,	February 25, 1907.
Robert McCoy (Freedman)	February 18, 1907.
George Chatman (Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
Louisa Perry (Freedman)	February 19, 1907.
John Albert Pautsky	February 26, 1907.
Nancy F. and Thursey McLarty	February 26, 1907.
Mathes Shockey,	February 26, 1907.
Albert and Ermer Piggee (Freedmen)	February 26, 1907.
Boling McKinney, et al., (Freedman)	February 26, 1907.

Copies of Indian Office letters submitting your reports and recommending that the decisions be approved, are inclosed.

A copy hereof and all the papers in the above-mentioned cases have been sent to the Indian Office.

Respectfully,

E. A. Hitchcock,

Secretary.

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with copy hereof.
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3-4-07.

Refer in reply to the following. --Copy--

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

LAND
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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON. March 1, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is forwarded herewith report of Commissioner Bixby, dated February 21, 1907, relative to the application for the enrollment of Washington Anthony and Hester Anthony as Choctaw freedmen, including the decision of the Commissioner of February 21, 1907, declining to receive the application.

The Office has examined the record in this case and finds the conclusions of the Commissioner to be correct, and his decision is recommended for approval.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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17-MB-40

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 1st, 1907.

J. S. Anthony,

Maxwell, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on March 4, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 21, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Washington Anthony and Hester Anthony as Choctaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rodgers.

Acting Commissioner.

17-NB-40

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 13, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,
Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that on March 4, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 21, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Washington Anthony and Hester Anthony as Choctaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rodgers.
Acting Commissioner.

17-62.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 28, 1906.

Mr. J. S. Anthony,

Maxwell, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

On August 15th, 1906, there were received at this office the affidavits of Isabeller Anthony and Hester Stevenson to the birth of Washington and Hester Anthony, children of J. S. and Isabeller Anthony, May 23rd, 1903 and June 10th, 1905, respectively.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

E. C. C.

Choc. M. Fr. 41

Essie Hughes

M. Fr. 41

MINOR 41

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Essie Hughes

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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United States of America }
Central District }

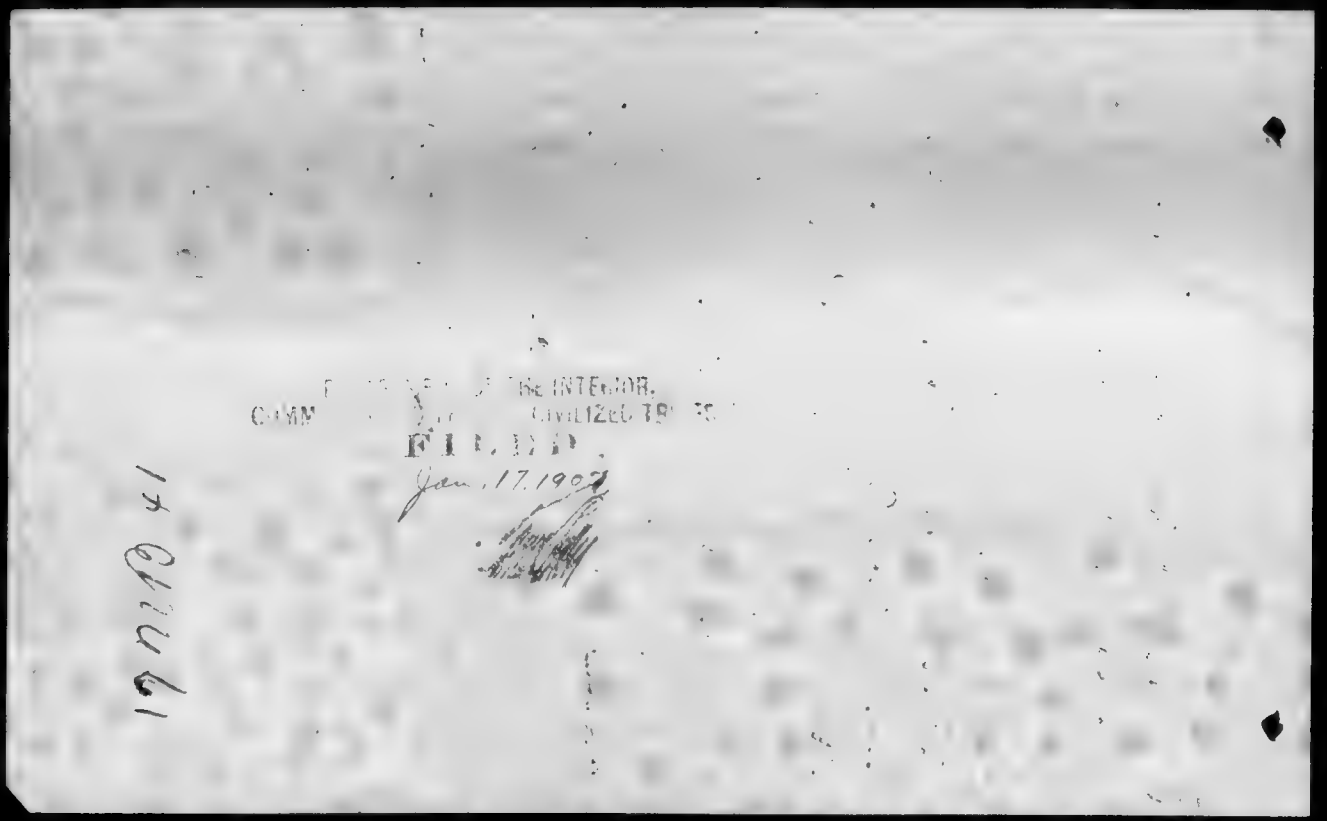
I, Bernice Hughes, upon oath state that a child was born to me on the 9th day of December 1902, and said child has been named Essie Hughes, and is now living. I, Bernice Hughes further state that any affidavit giving ~~giving~~ other date of birth of this child other than Dec. 9, 1902 is in error

Witness to mark
Jay C. Bacon
H. Eaves.

her
Bernice X Hughes
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of January 1906.

Richard Brandfass


DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.
FILED
Jan. 17. 1902.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Essie Hughes

as a citizen of the

Choctaw freedmen Nation.

Approved _____ *190*

_____

Commissioner.

DEC 31 1902

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Susie Hughes (Here insert name of child), born on the 9th day of Dec, 1902
Name of Father: S. Hughes, a citizen of the U. S. ~~Nation~~.
Name of Mother: Bernice Hughes, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Post-Office: Finley Okla

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central Judicial District. }

I, Bernice Hughes, on oath state that I am 18 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of S Hughes, who is a citizen, ~~by~~ _____, of the U. S. ~~Nation~~, that a female (Male or female.) child was born to me on the 9th day of Dec, 1902; that said child has been named Susie Hughes, and is now living.

her
Bernice + Hughes
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses) { R A Brown
W R Self

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 *day of* Dec 1902.

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central Judicial District. }

I, Ellen Walker, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs Bernice Hughes, wife of S Hughes, on the 9th day of Dec, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a female (Male or female.) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Susie Hughes.

her
Ellen + Walker
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses) { W R Self
R A Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 *day of* Dec, 1902.

Notary Public.

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IN RE APPLICATION FOR
ENROLLMENT OF

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress
Approved April 26, 1906.

Essie Hughey

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved ..... 190.

Commissioner.

M. M. LINDLY—Attorney at Law,
South McAlester, I. T.

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Birth Affidavit.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as Freedman member of the Choctaw Nation,

of Essie Hughes, born on the 9 day of December 1903

Name of Father: Sonnie Hughes, a citizen of the ——— Nation.

Name of Mother: Bernice Hughes, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ——— Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw

Enrollment No. of father No. ——— Enrollment No. of mother No. 255

Postoffice Stringtown

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Bernice Hughes, on oath state that I am 22 years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation, that I am the lawful wife of Sonnie Hughes, who is a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 9 day of December 1903; that said child has been named Essie Hughes, and was living March 4, 1906.

Bernice x her Hughes

Witnesses to Mark: Wm Seitz mark
[Must be two Witnesses]. William Bright

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of July 1906.

H Augustus Jones
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Ellen Walker, a ———, on oath state that I attended on Bernice Hughes, wife of Sonnie Hughes, on the 9 day of December 1903; that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Essie Hughes

Ellen x her Walker

Witnesses to Mark: Wm Seitz mark
[Must be two Witnesses]. William Bright

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of July 1906.

H Augustus Jones
Notary Public.

J C C.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Essie Hughes

as a citizen of Freedman

Cherokee Nation.

Approved JAN 25 1907 190...

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Essie Hughes [Here insert name of child], born on the 20th day of Nov. 1902

Name of Father: S. E. Hughes a citizen of the U. S. Nation.

Name of Mother: Bernie Hughes a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father..... Tribal enrollment of mother.....

Postoffice Stringtown, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central Judicial District.

I, Bernie Hughes on oath state that I am 27 years of age and a citizen by Adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of S. E. Hughes, who is a citizen, ~~by~~ of the United States Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was born to me on the 20th day of Nov. 1902; that said child has been named Essie Hughes and was living March 4, 1906.

her
Bernie + Hughes
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] George Kemp
James W. Garner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of Dec. 1906.

D. S. Kennedy
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central Judicial District.

I, Ellen Walker, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Bernie Hughes wife of S. E. Hughes on the 20th day of Nov. 1902; that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Essie Hughes

her
Ellen + Walker
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] George Kemp
James W. Garner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of Dec. 1906.

D. S. Kennedy
Notary Public.

17 NB 41.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 13, 1906.

Sonnie Hughes,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Essie Hughes, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that the affidavit of Ellen Walker on file in this office is defective in that it fails to state whether or not she attended on Bernice Hughes, wife of Sonnie Hughes, at the birth of this child in the capacity of mid-wife. There is inclosed herewith a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date and in having it executed correct this error and be careful that all blanks are filled in and that the correct date of birth of said child be given.

You should give this matter your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the application for

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the enrollment of this child as a minor Choctaw freedman until this evidence is furnished.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

Choc. M. Fr. 42

Mattie Smith

M. Fr. 42

MINOR 42

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Mattie Smith

Decline to receive Feb 19 1907

Record Forwarded Department Feb 19 1907

Action Approved by Secretary of Interior Mar 2 1907

Notice of Departmental Action Forwarded Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. Apr 3 1907

Notice of Departmental Action Mailed Applicant Apr 2 1907

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

.....Mattie Smith.....

as a citizen of

.....ChoctawFreedmen..... Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a Freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Mattie Smith [Here insert name of child], born on the 2nd day of August 1904

Name of Father: Oscar Smith a non- citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Susan Shoals a Freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother 939

Postoffice Valliant, Ind Ter

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Susan Shoals, on oath state that I am Thirty-two years of age and a Freedman citizen by Adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Willaim Shoals, who is a Freedman citizen, by adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 2nd day of August 1904; that said child has been named Mattie Smith, and was living March 4, 1906.

Susan Shoals

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] E.E.Cochran
C. F. Janey

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23d day of July 1906.

E. J. Gardner
Notary Public.

(SEAL) Com Expires March 3, 1908.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Caroline Prince, a mid-wife, on oath state that I attended on Susan Shoals, wife of William Shoals on the 2nd day of August 1904; that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Mattie Smith.

her
Caroline X Prince
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] E. F. Cochran
C. F. Janey

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23d day of July 1906.

E. J. Gardner
Notary Public.

(SEAL) Com expires March 3d 1908

17-432.

Muskoge, Indian Territory, December 1, 1906.

Susan Shoals,

Valliant, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

It appears from the records of the Commissioner that an application was received at this office on August 9, 1906, for the enrollment of your child, Mattie Smith, as a Choctaw freedman.

You are advised that the time within which applications could be received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of minor children under the Act of Congres approved April 26, 1906, expired July 25, 1906.

It has recently been held by the Department that the minor children of Choctaw freedmen who were living on March 4, 1906, are entitled to enrollment provided application was made within the time prescribed by law, or prior to July 25, 1906.

If it is claimed that such an application was made for the enrollment of your child above named, prior to July 25, 1906, you should appear before the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka, Indian Territory, any time prior to January 1, 1907, for the purpose of presenting testimony relative to the submission of such application within the required time.

Respectfully,

Commisioner

-17-WB-42.
W.A.B.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the alleged application for the enrollment of Mattie Smith as a Choctaw Freedman.

D E C I S I O N.

It appears from the record herein that on August 8, 1906, there was received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes application for the enrollment of Mattie Smith as a Choctaw Freedman by reference from the Department.

It does not appear from the records of this office that any application of any nature whatsoever had been made for the enrollment of the applicant as a Choctaw Freedman prior to July 26, 1906.

On December 1, 1906, Susan Shoals, mother of applicant, was notified that if it was claimed that an application had been made for the enrollment of the applicant as a Choctaw freedman within the time provided by law, she should appear at the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka, Indian Territory, before January 1, 1907, and give testimony relative to the submission of said application within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, (34 Stats., 137). No evidence was offered in support of said application.

I am of the opinion that inasmuch as no application was made for the enrollment of Mattie Smith as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), I am, therefore, without authority to receive or consider or make any record of any application for her enrollment as such; that I should decline to receive the same, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Dated at Muskogee, Indian Territory,

this FEB 19 1907.

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 19, 1907.

Susan Shoals,

Valliant, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:-

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 19, 1907, declining to receive the application for the enrollment of Mattie Smith as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.
Incl. 17-NB-42

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 19, 1907 .

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:-

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 19, 1907, declining to receive the application for the enrollment of Mattie Smith as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Incl. 17-NB-42

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 19, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior:

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Mattie Smith as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 19, 1907, declining to receive said application.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

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Through the
Commissioner Indian Affairs.

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L.R.S.

J.P.
O.K.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
WASHINGTON.

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March 2, 1907.

DIRECT.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Your decisions in the following Choctaw citizenship cases adverse to the applicants are hereby affirmed. Copies of Indian Office letters submitting your reports and recommending that the decisions be affirmed are enclosed:

Title of Case.	Date of Your Letter of Transmittal.
Cye Richardson, Jr., (Freedman),	February 14, 1907.
Ernest and Willie Lee Draper (Freedmen),	February 14, 1907.
Mary Norris Clayton,	February 19, 1907.
Alexander Harland (Freedman),	February 13, 1907.
Earnest and Louis Fields (Freedmen),	February 13, 1907.
Claud Wald Thompson (Freedman),	February 13, 1907.
Lovie Freeny (Freedman),	February 13, 1907.
Kate B. Johnson (Miss. Chee.),	February 20, 1907.
John Littlejohn et al. (Freedmen),	February 23, 1907.
Tobias Louis and James Russell (Freedmen),	February 19, 1907.
Nielson Beasley, (Freedman),	February 18, 1907.
Mary Plummer,	February 14, 1907.
Zack Alton Calloway,	February 21, 1907.
Riley Cole (Freedman),	February 19, 1907.
Albert F. and Edith Ford,	February 21, 1907.
Nimrah Estella Autrey et al.,	February 21, 1907.
Paul Jones,	February 21, 1907.

Title of Case.	Date of Your Letter of Transmittal.
Frances and Viola Brannan (Freedmen),	February 14, 1907.
Mattie Smith (Freedman),	February 19, 1907.
Sue Williams (Freedman),	February 26, 1907.
William J. Manley,	February 21, 1907.
Vera and Nora Blevens,	February 18, 1907.
Annie Harkins (Freedman),	February 14, 1907.
Francis York,	February 21, 1907.
J. W. Huffman, et al.,	February 15, 1907.
Sam W. and Joe A. Pettis,	February 19, 1907.
Eva Wright,	November 20, 1906.
Thomas H. Starks, (intermarried),	February 19, 1907.

A copy hereof and all the papers in the above mentioned cases have been sent to the Indian Office.

Respectfully,

Jesse E. Wilson,

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON.

March 1, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is enclosed a report from Commissioner Bixby, dated February 19, 1907, transmitting the record relative to the application of Mattie Smith, for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner dated February 19, 1907, adverse to the applicant.

The decision of the Commissioner has been examined, and found to be correct, and it is recommended for approval.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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17-NB-42

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 2, 1907.

Susan Shoals,

Valliant, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

You are hereby advised that on March 2, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 19, 1907, declining to receive the application for the enrollment of Mattie Smith as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rogers.

Acting Commissioner.

17-MB-42

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 2, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that on March 2, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 19, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Mattie Smith as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rogers.

Acting Commissioner.

17-939

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 10, 1906.

Albert F. Lee,

Ardmore, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 23, 1906, transmitting affidavits of Lucinday Littrell and Lester Coopper to the birth of Perline Douglas child of Sam Douglas and Lucinda James, December 21, 1900.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-989.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 14, 1906.

Albert J. Lee,

Ardmore, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 23, 1906, transmitting affidavits of Lucinday Littrell and Joana Foster to the birth of Angline Littrell child of Philip Littrell and Lucinday Littrell, June 23, 1904.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 43

Weetor Hogan

M. Fr. 43

MINOR 43

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Weetor Hogan

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Velton Hogan

as a citizen of the

Choctaw Freedman *Nation.*

Approved 190

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,
of Wester Hagan, born on the 18" day of October, 1902
(Here insert name of child)
Name of Father: R B Hagan, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.
Name of Mother: Lorena Hagan, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.
Post-Office Peck Mission

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
INDIAN TERRITORY, }
Central District. }

I, Lorena Hagan, on oath state that I am 36 years of age and a citizen, by birth, of the Cherokee Nation; that I am the lawful wife of R B Hagan, who is a citizen, by marriage, of the Cherokee Nation, that a female (Male or female) child was born to me on the 18" day of October, 1902; that said child has been named Wester Hagan, and is now living.

Lorena Hagan.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) { }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19" day of December, 1902

W. M. Worcester
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
INDIAN TERRITORY, }
Central District. }

I, Lula Gavan, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Lorena Hagan, wife of R B Hagan, on the 18" day of October, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a female (Male or female) child; ~~that said child is now living and is said to have been~~ named Wester Hagan.

her
Lula X Gavan
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses) { Edwin Stewart
F C Trower }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19" day of December, 1902

W. M. Worcester
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Wesley Hogan

as a ~~freedman~~ of the

Choctaw ..... Nation.

Approved ..... 190....

Commissioner.

Born Feb. 12, 1902.

DEC 24 1902

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 20

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Weetor Hogan (Here insert name of child.), born on the 18 day of October, 1902

Name of Father: Harvey Hogan a citizen of the U S ~~Nation.~~

Name of Mother: Lorena Hogan freedman a ~~citizen~~ of the Choctaw Nation.

Post-office So. McAlester I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY
Central District.

I, Lorena Hogan, on oath state that I am 36 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Harvey Hogan, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ ——, of the U S Nation; that a female (male or female.) child was born to me on 18 day of October 1902 that said child has been named Weetor Hogan, and is now living.

Lorena Hogan

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 *day of* December 1902.

T. L. Hamilton
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
..... District,

I, ..., a ....., on oath state that I attended on Mrs. ....., wife of ....., on the ..... day of ....., 1..... ; that there was born to her on said date a ..... (male or female) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named .....

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *day of* 190 .

NOTARY PUBLIC

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JAN 23 1907

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Ruler Hoyta
Ezekiel

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved FEB 9 1907 190...

Commissioner.

Dan J Buck
Oct 18, 1902

17NB43 Original application received April 28, 1902

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS. APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Freedman Nation,

of Weetar Hogan, born on the 18 day of Oct 1902
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: Richard Hogan Freedman a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Lurena Hogan Freedman a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Haywood, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Lurena Hogan on oath state that I am thirty seven years of age and a citizen by Freedman blood of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Richard Hogan, who is a citizen, by blood of the Choctaw Nation; that female child was born to me on the 18th day of October 1902; that said child has been named Weetar Hogan and was living March 4, 1906
[Male or Female]

Lurena Hogan

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] A. P. Morris
J. P. Bain

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of Jan 1907

W. M. Ellander
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Ezell Lightner, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Lurena Hogan, wife of Richard Hogan on the 18th day of Oct 1902; that there was born to her on said date a female child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Weetar Hogan
[Male or Female]

Ezell Lightner

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] A. P. Morris
J. P. Bain

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of Jan 1907

W. M. Ellander.
Notary Public.

COMMISSIONERS
TAMS BIXBY,
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE

WM O. BEALL,
SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING
17-1132

ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 9, 1904.

Lorena Hogan,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 4th inst., requesting to be advised whether or not your infant daughter, Weeter Hogan, can be enrolled as a Choctaw freedman.

You are informed it appears from our records that on November 24, 1902, you forwarded to this office your affidavit and that of Lula Gavan, relative to the birth of your infant daughter, Weeter Hogan, from which it appears that said child was born October 18, 1902, subsequent to the ratification on September 25, 1902, of the Act of Congress, approved July 1, 1902, which provides that no child born to citizen or freedmen parents after the date of said ratification shall be entitled to enrollment or to participate in the distribution of the tribal property of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

You are therefore advised that under the present legislation the Commission is without authority to enroll your infant daughter, Weeter Hogan.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-1132

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 29, 1906.

Richard Hogan,

Haywood, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of October 26, 1906, asking if certain land described therein has yet been filed on; also if your three children Weetor, Ethel A. and Lillie Belle Hogan are entitled to allotments and if you can select allotment as an intermarried citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

In reply to your letter you are advised that affidavits have been received to the birth of Weetor Hogan, child of Richard B. and Lorena Hogan, October 18, 1902, but the information contained in your letter is not sufficient to enable this office to identify the other children named therein as applicants for enrollment.

You are further advised that the question of whether or not children of Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen are entitled to enrollment is now pending before the Department.

Replying to that portion of your letter in which you ask if you are entitled to an allotment as an intermarried citizen, you are advised that it appears that your wife Lorena Hogan is a

R. H. #2

Choctaw freedman and there is no provision of law known to this office whereby non citizens acquire any rights by marriage to Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen.

The matter of the land referred to in your letter will be made the subject of a separate communication.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 13, 1906.

R. B. Hogan,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Weetor Hogan, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not she was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact. For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of said child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

17-NB-43

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 19, 1907.

Lorena Hogan,

Barnett, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your minor child, Weetor Hogan, as a Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are advised that it will be necessary that you furnish new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not she was living March 4, 1906, as those heretofore forwarded do not determine that fact.

There is enclosed herewith a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed at once and return the same promptly so that it will reach this office prior to January 25, 1907. This matter should receive your most prompt attention as your neglect or failure to furnish the required proof may deprive your child of any such rights as a Choctaw freedman as she may have.

Respectfully,

B.C.

Commissioner.

17-NB-43

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 19, 1907.

Richard Hogan,

Haywood, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your minor child, Weetor Hogan, as a Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are advised that it will be necessary that you furnish new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not she was living March 4, 1906, as those heretofore forwarded do not determine that fact.

There is enclosed herewith a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed at once and return same promptly so that It will reach this office prior to January 25, 1907. This matter should receive your most prompt attention as your neglect or failure to furnish the required proof may deprive your child of any such rights as a Choctaw freedman as she may have.

Respectfully,

B.C.

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 26, 1907.

Richard Hogan,

Haywood, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Lurena Hogan and Ezell Lightner to the birth of Weetor Hogan, child of Richard and Lurena Hogan, October 18, 1902, and the same have been filed in the matter of the enrollment of said child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-NB-43

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 8, 1907.

Richard Hogan,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 22, 1907, asking relative to the enrollment of your child Weston Hogan, and asking if you can have two children now enrolled as Choctaw freedmen.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the name of your child Weston Hogan has been placed upon a schedule of minor Choctaw Freedmen which is now being prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior and you will be notified when her enrollment is approved by the Department.

You are further advised that the time within which applications could be received for the enrollment of minor children under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expired July 25, 1906, and there is now no authority for the reception of original applications for enrollment.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 44
Leo Harrison

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MINOR 44

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Leo Harrison

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Leo Harrison

as a ~~citizen of the~~

Choc. Freedman ~~Nation~~

Approved _____ 190_

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Commissioner.

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Leo Harrison, born on the 28 day of October, 1899

(Here insert name of child)

Name of Father Jas Lomo, a ~~citizen~~ of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Ella Harrison, a Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Post-Office: Grant

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
INDIAN TERRITORY, }
Central District. }

I, _____, on oath state that I am _____ years of age and a citizen, by _____, of the _____ Nation; that I am the lawful wife of _____, who is a citizen, by _____, of the _____ Nation, that a _____ (Male or female.) child was born to me on the _____ day of _____ 190_; that said child has been named _____, and is now living.

_____

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) _____

_____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 190_.

_____ *Notary Public.*

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
INDIAN TERRITORY, }
Central District. }

I, Mandy Mays, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on ~~Mrs.~~ Ella Harrison, wife of _____, on the 28 day of October, ~~190~~ 1899; that there was born to her on said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been (Male or female.)

named Leo Harrison.

her
Mandy × Mays
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) _____

_____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of December 1902.

H. C. Riston

Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Leo Harrison Friedman

as a citizen of

Choctaw **Nation.**

Approved FEB 9 1907 **190...**

Commissioner.

Date of Birth Oct 28, 897

one quarter eight
1/32 blood Indian
about 56. 1906.

Affidavit of birth of Geo. Thomas - Ella Harrison

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as ~~a citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Geo. Harrison [Here insert name of child], born on the 28 day of October 1899.

Name of Father: Jarvis Thomas a Non citizen of the Nation.

Name of Mother: Ella Harrison a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Non citizen. Tribal enrollment of mother C 2563.

Postoffice Grant Indian Territory

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Ella Harrison, on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am Not the lawful wife of Jarvis Thomas, who is a Non ~~citizen, by~~ ~~blood~~, of the ~~Nation~~; that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 28th day of October 1899.; that said child has been named Geo. Harrison and was living March 4, 1906.

Ella Harrison

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of January 1907.

Earl Gallerson
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Mandy Mayes, a Mid-Wife, on oath state that I attended on Ella Harrison, wife of .....

on the 28th day of October 1899.; that there was born to her on said date a Male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Geo. Harrison

Mandy her (X) mark Mayes

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { Earl Gallerson
Ella Harrison

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of January 1907

Earl Gallerson
Notary Public.

17 NB 44.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 13, 1906.

Ella Harrison,

Grant, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Leo Harrison, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not she was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore forwarded do not determine that fact.

It appears from the evidence in the possession of this office that the mother's affidavit has not been executed. You are advised that it is necessary that this affidavit be furnished.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in

E.H. 2.

order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

Choc. M. Fr. 45

Mary Hampton

M. Fr. 45

MINOR 45.

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Mary Hampton

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

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as a citizen of

..... Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Mary Hampton [Here insert name of child], born on the 8th day of Dec 1903

Name of Father: Wilburn Hampton freedman a ~~citizen~~ of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Emma Hampton freedman a ~~citizen~~ of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Fort Towson I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Emma Hampton, on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Wilburn Hampton, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 8th day of December 1903; that said child has been named Mary Hampton and was living March 4, 1906.

Emma Hampton

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of Jany 1907

W. W. Martin

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Eddie Williams, a Mid-wife, on oath state that I attended on Emma Hampton, wife of Wilburn Hampton on the 8th day of Dec 1903; that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Mary Hampton

Her
Eddie F. Williams
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { W. W. Martin
Frank Ellis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of Jany 1907

W. W. Martin

Notary Public.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BIRTH

OF _____

CHOCTAW COMMISSION NO _____

Jay Bowen
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NEW-BORN AFFIDAVIT.

Number.....

Choctaw Enrolling Commission.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, of Mary Hampton
Name of Child.

born on the 8 day of Dec 1903

Name of father Wilbury Hampton a citizen of Choctaw

Nation final; enrollment No. 1229

Name of mother Emma Hampton a citizen of Choctaw

Nation; final enrollment No. 3980 Postoffice Fort Towson

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central DISTRICT

I Emma Hampton, on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation, and as such have been placed upon the final roll of the Choctaw Nation, by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior my final enrollment number being 3980; that I am the lawful wife of Wilburn Hampton, who is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and as such has been placed upon the final roll of said Nation by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, his final enrollment number being 1229 and that a Female
Male or Female.
child was born to me on the 8 day of Dec 1903; that said child has been named Mary Hampton, and is now living.

WITNESSETH: Emma Hampton

Must be two Witnesses who are Citizens. Walter Thompson
Robert Jackson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of January 1904

Thomas Fennell
Notary Public.

My commission expires 29 April 1908

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IN THE MATTER OF THE BIRTH

OF

Mary Hampton

CHOCTAW COMMISSION No. 149

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

To be filed
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APR 25 1905

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Affidavit of Attending Physician or Midwife

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central DISTRICT

I, Eddie Williams a Midwife

on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Emma ~~Hampton~~ wife of Wilburn Hampton, on the 8 day of Dec, 1903, that there was born to her on said date a Female (Male or Female) child, that said child is now living, and is said to have been named Marg. Hampton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 21 day of January 1905

Eddie her X mark Williams M. D.

Thomas. Fennell
Notary Public.

WITNESSETH:

Must be two witnesses who are citizens and know the child. { Robert Jackson, Walter Thompson

We hereby certify that we are well acquainted with a Eddie Williams and know as to be reputable and of good standing in the community.

Must be two citizen witnesses. { Robert Jackson, Walter Thompson

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Mary Hampton
Freeman
as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved FEB 9 1907 190...

Commissioner.

Date of Birth
Dec 8, 1903

JAN 22 1907

Congressional Act under which enrollment was secured
17 Stat 345 April 26, 1906.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Mary Hampton [Here insert name of child], born on the 8 day of Decemb 1903

Name of Father: Wilburn Hampton a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Emmag Hampton a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Choctaw Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw

Postoffice Fort Towson, Ind. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Emmag Hampton on oath state that I am 25 years of age and a citizen by adopsn of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Wilburn Hampton, who is a citizen, by adopsn, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 8 day of Decemby 1903; that said child has been named Mary Hampton and was living March 4, 1906

Emma Hampton

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of January 1907

Thomas Fennell
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Edith Williams, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Emma Hampton wife of Wilburn Hampton on the 8 day of Decemby 1903; that there was born to her on said date a Female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Mary Hampton

her
Edith + Williams
mosss

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Louis Pebsty

[Must be Two witnesses] Wilburn Hampton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of January 1907

Thomas Fennell
Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 16, 1907.

Wilburn Hampton,

Fort Towson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Mary Hampton, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are advised that it will be necessary for you to furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not she was living March 4, 1906, as those heretofore forwarded do not determine that fact.

There is enclosed herewith a new blank that you are requested to have properly executed and return the same promptly so that it will reach this office prior to January 20, 1907, in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

B.C. Commissioner.

17-MB-45

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 26, 1907.

Wilburn Hampton,

Fort Towson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 11, 1907, addressed to the Secretary of the Interior has been by him referred to this office for consideration and appropriate action. Therewith you inclose affidavits of Emma Hampton and Edith Williams to the birth of Mary Hampton, child of Wilburn and Emma Hampton, December 8, 1903, and the same have been filed in the matter of the enrollment of your child Mary Hampton.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 46

Bob Harris

M. Fr. 46

MINOR

MINOR ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

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Bob Harris

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Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Bob Morris

as a citizen of

[redacted] Nation.

Approved. 190

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Bob Harris (Here insert name of child), born on the 30 day of Sept, 1902
Name of Father: Robert Harris, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Name of Mother: Eliza Harris, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Post-office, Antlers I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY. }
Central District. }

I, Eliza Harris, Freedmen, on oath state that I am
years of age and a citizen, by ~~Blood~~, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Robert Harris, who is a citizen, by Blood, of the Choctaw Nation, that a male (male or female) child was born to me on the 30 day of ~~Sept~~ Sept 1902 that said child has been named Bob Harris, and is now living.

Eliza her X mark Harris

WITNESSES TO MARK
(Must be Two Witnesses) { Henry Pickett
Ella Harris

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 *day of* Dec, 1902.

C. E. Wakefield
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY. }
Central District. }

I, Sarah Jackson, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Eliza Harris, wife of Robert Harris, on the 30 day of Sept, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a male (male or female) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Bob Harris

Sarah her X mark Jackson

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.) { Wm. Ware
J. H. Freeman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 *day of* Dec, 1902.

C. E. Wakefield
NOTARY PUBLIC

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Bob Harris
Freedman
as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved FEB 9 1907 190...

Commissioner.

Date of Birth
Sept 30. 1902

Original application received.

17 NB 465 June 28, 1906.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Bob Harris [Here insert name of child] born on the 30 day of September 1902

Name of Father: Robert Harris a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Eliza Harris a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father E 1223 Tribal enrollment of mother E 4584

Postoffice Antlers I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Eliza Harris, on oath state that I am 32 years of age and a citizen by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Robert Harris, who is a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 30th day of September, 1902, that said child has been named Bob Harris and was living March 4, 1906.

her
Eliza (X) Harris
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { Earl Patterson
Ella Harris

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of February 1907

Earl Patterson
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Sarah Jackson, a Mid-wife, on oath state that I attended on Eliza Harris, wife of Robert Harris on the 30 day of September 1902, that there was born to her on said date a Male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Bob Harris

her
Sarah (X) Jackson
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { Ella Harris

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of February 1907

Earl Patterson
Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES
Muskogee, Oklahoma, December 5, 1907.

In the matter of the death of Bob Harris, Minor Choctaw Freedman Card No. 46, Roll No. 271. (Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906.)

Testimony taken eight miles south-east of Antlers, Indian Territory, October 30, 1907.

ELIZA HARRIS, being first duly sworn by Lacey P. Bobo, Notary Public in and for the Central District of the Indian Territory, testified as follows:

BY THE COMMISSIONER:

Q What is your name? A Eliza Harris.
Q Are you duly enrolled as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes, sir.
Q How old are you? A About thirty-eight, I reckon.
Q What is your postoffice address? A Antlers, I. T.
Q Are you the lawful wife of one Choctaw Freedman by the name of Robert Harris? A Yes, sir.

Witness is identified as Choctaw Freedman Roll No. 4584.

Q Are you the mother of a boy by the name of Bob Harris? A Yes, sir.
Q When was he born? A He was born in September, the last day.
Q What year? A 1902.
Q When did he die? A October 9th, three years ago.
Q How old was he at the time of his death? A He was two years old.
Q It appears that you executed an affidavit on the first day of February, 1907, affirming that Bob Harris was born on the 30th day of September, 1902 and was living March 4, 1906. Were you questioned when you made that affidavit as to whether or not the child was living on March 4, 1906? A No, sir, because I told the man that the child had been dead two years, and some over when he come here. The ninth of this month it will be three years since he died.

(Witness excused)

Testimony taken the same place and date as above.

ROBERT HARRIS, being first duly sworn by Lacey P. Bobo, Notary public in and for the Central District of the Indian Territory, testified as follows:

BY THE COMMISSIONER:

Q What is your name? A Robert Harris.
Q Are you a duly enrolled and recognized Freedman of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes, sir.
Q How old are you? A Forty-seven years old, going on forty-eight.
Q Where do you get your mail? A Antlers, I. T.

In re the death of Bob Harris, &c., Robert Harris, witness.

Q Are you the husband of a Choctaw freedman named Eliza Harris? A Yes, sir.
Q Did you have a child by this woman named Bob Harris? A Yes, sir.
Q When was this child born? A Its too hard for me. He has been dead three years, I know.
Q Howold was he when he died? A He was two years old.
Q You know as a matter of fact and state positively that he has been dead fully three years? A Yes, sir.

(Witness excused)

Testimony takensame place and date as above.

VINETA HARRIS, being first duly sworn by Lacey P. Bobo, Notary Public in and for the Central District of the Indian Territory, testified as follows:

BY THE COMMISSIONER:

Q What is your name? A Vineta Harris.
Q How old are you? A Sixteen.
Q Are you a daughter of Robert Harris, the witness that has just given testimony? A Yes, sir.
Q When was your little half brother Bob born? A I don't know, sir.
Q When did he die? A I don't know.
Q How long has he been dead? A Three years.
Q How old was he when he died? A Two years old.
Q You know as a matter of fact that he was not living on march 4, 1906? A Yes, sir.

(Witness excused)

Testimony taken at Antlers, Indian Territory, October 30, 1907.

xLUDELLA JACKSON, being first duly sworn by Lacey P. Bobo, Notary Public in and for the Central District of the Indian Territory, testified as follows:

BY THE COMMISSIONER:

Q What is your name? A Ludella Jackson.
Q Are you a freedman of the Choctaw Nation? A No, sir.
Q What is your postoffice address? A Antlers, I. T.
Q How long have you lived at or near Antlers, I. T.? A About nine years.
Q During this time have you become acquainted to Robert and Eliza Harris, and their family? A Yes, sir.
Q When did ther little boy Bob die? A Three years ago this month. That was October, 1904.
Q How do you know this child died in the month of October, 1904? A Little Buleah Lyles died at the same time - they both died the same night.
Q Who was this little Buleah Lyles? A She was a little colored girl and one of our neighbors daughters.
Q Are you positive that Bob Harris and Buleah Lyles both died on the same night in October, 1904? A Yes, sir.

In re the death of Bob Harris, # 3, Lucilla Jackson, witness.

Q How old was this little boy at the time of his death? A I never did hear any one say.

(Witness excused)

I, F. E. Blackert, stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, upon oath state that the proceedings in the above case are a true, full and correct transcript of my stenographic notes taken therein.

F E Blackert

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of December 1907.

Harry Montague

Notary Public in and for Muskogee County, Oklahoma.

My Commission Expires 7/13/1911

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 13, 1906.

Robert Harris,

Antlers, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Bob Harris, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not he was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 26, 1907.

Robert Harris,

Antlers, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of April 21, 1907, in which you state you enrolled your child Calvin Harris before a Notary Public but you have been informed that you were too late to get him on and you ask if this is true; you also state you have another child born January 13, 1907, and you ask relative to his enrollment.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it does not appear that any application was made for the enrollment of Calvin Harris as a citizen of the Choctaw or Chickasaw Nation or as a Choctaw or Chickasaw freedman, and in this connection your attention is invited to the following provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906:

> "That after the approval of this Act no person shall be enrolled as a citizen or freedman of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Creek, or Seminole tribes of Indians in the Indian Territory, except as herein otherwise provided, unless application for enrollment was made prior to December first, nineteen hundred and five, and the records in charge of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes shall be conclusive evidence as to the fact

of such application."

"That the rolls of the tribes affected by this Act shall be fully completed on or before the fourth day of March, nineteen hundred and seven, and the Secretary of the Interior shall have no jurisdiction to approve the enrollment of any person after said date."

You are further advised that one Bob Harris, child of Robert Harris, has been enrolled as a minor Choctaw freedman and his enrollment as such approved by the Secretary of the Interior March 2, 1907.

You are informed that under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, only those children of citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations who were living March 4, 1906, were entitled to enrollment, and the time within which applications could be received for the enrollment of such minor children under said act expired July 25, 1906.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Oklahoma, February 1, 1908.

Subject:

Enrollment and allotment of Bob Harris, a Choctaw freedman.
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The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to invite your attention to the matter of the enrollment of Bob Harris, whose name appears opposite No. 271 of the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen, enrolled under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), and whose enrollment as such was approved by the Secretary of the Interior March 2, 1907.

It appears from the application for the enrollment of Bob Harris, filed with the records of this office, that said child was born September 30, 1902, and was living on March 4, 1906; said application being accompanied by the affidavits of the mother, Eliza Harris, and midwife, Sarah Jackson.

Subsequent to the approval of the enrollment of the said Bob Harris as a Choctaw freedman under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), there were filed with this office the affidavits of Eliza Harris and Caroline Jackson, subscribed and sworn to by them May 23, 1907, in which it was alleged that the death of Bob Harris occurred October 9, 1904.

For the purpose of further establishing the date of the death of Bob Harris, an investigation was instituted under the direction of this office, and during the month of October, 1907, there was secured the testimony of Eliza Harris, Robert Harris, Vineta Harris and Ludella Jackson, which shows that this child died in the month of October, 1904.

For the information of the Department there are enclosed herewith the affidavits of Eliza Harris and Caroline Jackson, subscribed and sworn to by them May 23, 1907, and a copy of the testimony procured during the month of October, 1907, as stated above.

I have the honor to report that no allotment of the lands of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations has been selected in the name of the said Bob Harris.

Inasmuch as it appears that Bob Harris was not living on March 4, 1906, as provided by the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), I have the honor to recommend that there be placed upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen, enrolled under the provisions of the above act, opposite the name of Bob Harris, appearing thereon at No. 271, the following notation:

"Not living on March 4, 1906; not entitled to land or money",

and also upon the original letter and copies thereof transmitting the schedule containing the name of Bob Harris for Departmental action.

It is also recommended that this office be authorized to make like notation upon the copies of the final roll and letter of transmittal in its possession.

Respectfully,

WPC(VR 132)

Commissioner.

Through the
Commissioner of
Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON.

File 053.

February 17, 1908.

Subject:
Enrollment and allotment of Bob Harris, Choctaw.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee,

Oklahoma.

Sir:

On the 11th instant the Office submitted to the Secretary of the Interior your letter of the 1st instant, recommending that the name of Bob Harris be stricken from the roll of Choctaw freedmen, where it appears opposite No. 271.

On the 12th instant the Department approved the recommendation. Copy of Office letter of the 11th instant, showing Departmental action thereon, is enclosed.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee

Acting Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON.

I.T. 8719-1908.
File 083.

February 11, 1908.

Subject:
Enrollment and allotment of Bob Harris, Choctaw freedman.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to invite your attention to the enclosed letter of the 1st instant from J. G. Wright, Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, reporting that an investigation has been made concerning the date of death of Bob Harris, whose name appears opposite No. 271 on the approved roll of minor Choctaw freedmen. He gives particulars of the investigation and says he is convinced from the evidence that this child died prior to March 4, 1906, the date of death being October 9, 1904. His enrollment was made under the provisions of the act of April 26, 1906 (34 Stat. L., 137), but under these provisions he was not entitled to enrollment unless he was in existence on March 4, 1906.

Mr. Wright recommends that he be authorized to endorse opposite the name of Bob Harris, appearing at No. 271 on the

roll of Choctaw freedmen, the following notation:

Not living on March 4, 1906; not entitled to land or money,

and also on the original letters and copies thereof transmitting the schedule containing this name for Departmental action.

No allotments of the lands of the Choctaws and Chickasaws having been made to Bob Harris, it is not necessary that any action be taken with reference to an allotment.

The Office concurs in the recommendation of the Commissioner, with the addition that the Office be authorized to make a like notation on the rolls and schedules in its possession.

Very respectfully,

(Sgd.) C. F. Larrabee

Acting Commissioner.

EBH-Y.

February 12, 1908.

APPROVED:

(Sgd.) Jesse E. Wilson

Assistant Secretary.

Muskogee, Oklahoma, February 25, 1908.

Chief Clerk,

Choctaw Land Office,

Atoka, Oklahoma.

Sir:

There is enclosed you herewith a copy of Indian Office letter of February 17, 1908 (I. T., 8719-1908), accompanied by the report and recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs of February 11, 1908, approved by the Department February 12, 1908, authorizing that there be placed opposite the name of Bob Harris, appearing upon the final roll of Minor Choctaw Freedmen, enrolled under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), at No. 271, the following notation:

"Not living on March 4, 1906; not entitled to land or money."

In accordance with the authority therein contained, you are directed to place the above notation upon the copy of the final roll in your possession and also the roll card upon which appears the name of the said Bob Harris.

Respectfully,

WPC(VR 235)

Acting Commissioner.

Muskogee, Oklahoma, February 25, 1908.

Chief Clerk,

Choctaw-Chickasaw Division,

General Office.

Sir:

There are enclosed you herewith two copies of Indian Office letter of February 17, 1908 (I. T., 8719-1908), accompanied by the report and recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs of February 11, 1908, approved by the Department February 12, 1908, authorizing that there be placed opposite the name of Bob Harris, appearing upon the final roll of Minor Choctaw Freedmen, enrolled under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), at No. 271, the following notation:

"Not living on March 4, 1906; not entitled to land or money."

In accordance with the authority therein contained, you are directed to place the above notation upon the copy of the final roll in your possession and also the roll card upon which appears the name of the said Bob Harris.

Respectfully,

WPC(VR 234)

Acting Commissioner.

Bob Harris

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card 46

Roll 271

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Dasy Harris

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MINOR

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Dasy Harris

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

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as a citizen of

..... Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

COPY.

(CITIZEN TRIBE)

JAN 31 1907

COMMISSIONER.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ of the Freedman Choctaw Nation,

of Dasy Harris [Here insert name of child] born on the 10th day of Jany 1903

Name of Father: Sam Harris a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Catherine Harris a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Valliant I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
..... District. }

I, ..., on oath state that I am .....

years of age and a citizen by ....., of the ..... Nation;

that I am the lawful wife of ....., who is a citizen, by

....., of the .....Nation; that a .....child was
[Male or Female]

born to me on .....day of ..... 1.....; that said child has been named

..... and was living March 4, 1906.

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WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] }
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.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... 1906.

.....
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, H. A. Shoals a mid-wife, on oath state that I

attended on Catherine Harris, wife of Sam Harris

on the 10th day of Jan. 1903 that there was born to her on said date a Female
[Male or Female]

child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Dasy Harris

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H A x Shoals
his mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] }
Millon Valliant I.T.
John D. Armstrong

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of Jan 1906.

Millon
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Lasy Harris Friedman

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved FEB 9 1907 190...

Commissioner.

Date of Birth
Jan 10, 1903

JAN 31 1907

Original application received

17113 Apr 26, 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

of Dasy Harris born on the 10th day of Jan. 1903
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: Sam Harris a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother Catherine Harris a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Valliant, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Catherine Harris, on oath state that I am 38 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Sam Harris, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a female child was born to me on 10th day of January, 1903; that said child has been named Dasy Harris and was living March 4, 1906.
[Male or Female]

Catherine Harris

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of January 1906

W. H. Martin

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
..... District. }

I, ..., a ....., on oath state that I ~~attended on~~ ..... wife of ..... on the ..... day of ..... 1 ....; that there was born to her on said date a .....
[Male or Female]
child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named .....

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WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... 1906.

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Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 15, 1906.

Sam Harris,

Clear Creek, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Daisy Harris, a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not she was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

The affidavit of H. A. Shoals which is on file in this office is defective in that it fails to state whether or not he attended on Catherine Harris, wife of Sam Harris, at the birth of this child in the capacity of physician or mid-wife. If he did attend on her in either capacity the affidavit should so state.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is herewith inclosed new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in

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order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 1, 1907.

Sam Harris,

Valliant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavit of H. A. Shoals to the birth of Daisy Harris, child of Sam and Catherine Harris January 10, 1903, and the same has been filed in the matter of the enrollment of said child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 48

Ben W. Kingsberry

M. Fr. 48

MINOR 48

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Ben W. Kingsberry

Transferred to 17-798 Feb 20 1907

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Choc. M. Fr. 49
Annie Johnson
Blanch Johnson

M. Fr. 49

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MINOR

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Annie Johnson

Blanch Johnson

No. 2 Decline to receive Feb 16 1907

Record Forwarded Department.
Action Approved by Secretary of Interior
Mar 4 1907

Notice of Departmental Action forwarded
Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nation
Apr 13 1907

Notice of Departmental action Mailed
Applicant Apr 13 1907

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Annie Johnson

as a citizen of

Choctaw ..... Nation.

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Commissioner.

Born Nov. 12, 1902

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Annie Johnson (Here insert name of child.), born on the 12 day of Nov, 1902

Name of Father: Perry Johnson a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Sallie Johnson a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Post-office Valliant I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY
Cent District.

I, Sally Johnson, on oath state that I am 17 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption (Colored), of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Perry Johnson, who is a citizen, by Adoption (Colored), of the Choctaw Nation; that a Girl (male or female.) child was born to me on 12 day of November 1902; that said child has been named Annie Johnson, and is now living.

Sallie Johnson

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 *day of* Dec. 190 2

T. C. Spencer
NOTARY PUBLIC

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
Cent, District,

I, Susan Clark, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Sallie Johnson, wife of Perry Johnson on the 12 day of Nov., 1902, that there was born to her on said date a Girl (male or female) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Annie Johnson

Susan her × Clark mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) T. C. Spencer
T. Spencer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 *day of* Dec 190 2

T. C. Spencer
NOTARY PUBLIC

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
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as a citizen of

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Commissioner.

JAN 1907

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Annie Johnson [Here insert name of child], born on the 12th day of Nov. 1902

Name of Father: Perry Johnson a freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Sallie Johnson, nee Walker a freedman ~~citizen~~ of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Valliant I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
..... District. }

I, ..., on oath state that I am .....

years of age and a citizen by ....., of the ..... Nation;

that I am the lawful wife of ....., who is a citizen, by

....., of the ..... Nation; that a ..... child was
[Male or Female]

born to me on ..... day of ..... 1 .....; that said child has been named

..... and was living March 4, 1906.

.....

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... 1906.

.....
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Susan Clark, a midwife, on oath state that I

attended on Sallie Johnson, nee Walker, wife of Perry Johnson

on the 12th day of November 1902; that there was born to her on said date a female
[Male or Female]

child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Annie Johnson

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Susan her X Clark
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { Pauline Clark
W. H. Martin

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of January 1907

W. H. Martin

Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Annie Johnson
Endman

as a citizen of

Choctaw **Nation.**

Approved FEB 3 1907 **190**...

Commissioner.

Dale & Bulk
Nov 12. 1902.

JAN 31 1907

Original application
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April 26. 1906.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Annie Johnson born on the 12 day of Nov. 1902
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: Perry Johnson ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother Sallie Johnson ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice .....

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Sallie Johnson, on oath state that I am 21 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Perry Johnson, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a female child was born to me on 12th day of November, 1902; that said child has been named Annie Johnson, and was living March 4, 1906.
[Male or Female]

Sallie Johnson

WITNESSES TO MARK: R. L. Brooks

[Must be Two Witnesses] Tobe Holmes

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of January, 1907

My Commission Expires Apr. 25, 1908

L. D. Merry
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
..... District. }

I, ..., a ....., on oath state that I attended on ....., wife of ..... on the ~~day of~~ ..... ; that there was born to her on said date a .....
[Male or Female]
child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named .....

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] .....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... 1906.

.....
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

.....Blanch Johnson.....

as a citizen of

.....Choctaw..... Nation.

Choctaw Freedmen

Approved..... 190...

.....

Commissioner.

Jan 30 1907

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Blanch Johnson [Here insert name of child], born on the 15 day of May 1904

Name of Father: Perry Johnson a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Sallie Johnson a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Valliant

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Sallie Johnson, on oath state that I am 21 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Perry Johnson, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 15th day of May 1904; that said child has been named Blanch Johnson, and was living March 4, 1906.

Sallie Johnson

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] Tobe Holman
R. D. Brooks

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of January 1907.

G. D. Merry
Notary Public.

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires Apr. 25, 1908.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
..... District. }

I, ..., a ....., on oath state that I attended on ....., wife of ....., on the ~~day of~~ ....., 1 ....., that there was born to her on said date a ..... [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named .....

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WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two with cases] .....
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... 1906.

.....
Notary Public.

17-MB-49.
W.A.B.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the alleged application for the enrollment of Blanch Johnson as a Choctaw freedman.

D E C I S I O N.

It appears from the record herein that on January 30, 1907, there was received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes a written application for the enrollment of Blanch Johnson as a Choctaw freedman.

It appears from the record herein and from the records of this office that the applicant was born May 15, 1904, and is the daughter of Sallie Johnson, whose name appears as Sallie Walker opposite No. 154 upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior March 6, 1903, and of Perry Johnson, whose name appears opposite No. 725 upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior March 6, 1903.

It does not appear from the records of this office that any application of any nature whatsoever had been received for the enrollment of the applicant prior to July 26, 1906.

I am of the opinion that inasmuch as no application was made for the enrollment of Blanch Johnson as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, (34 Stats., 137), I am therefore, without authority to receive or consideror make any record of any application for her enrollment as such; that I should decline to receive the same, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 16, 1907.

Perry Johnson,

Valliant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

I inclose herewith a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 16, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Blanch Johnson as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the proceedings in the case is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

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Registered.

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 16, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

I inclose herewith a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 16, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Blanch Johnson as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the proceedings in the case is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

17-MB-49.

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 16, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Blanch Johnson as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 16, 1907, declining to receive or consider the said application.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

17-NB-49.
Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
WASHINGTON.

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March 4, 1907.

DIRECT.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Your decisions in the following Choctaw enrollment cases adverse to the applicants are hereby affirmed, viz:

Title of case,	Date of your letter of transmittal.
Alex and Lee G. Lewis (Freedmen)	February 14, 1907
Cora Bailey (Freedman)	February 13, 1907
Virginia and Dave Colbert (Freedmen)	~~February 18, 1907~~
Stella Marlow	February 15, 1907
Joanna Pollock, et al,	December 24, 1906.
Ulysis and Sydney Frazier (Freedmen)	February 14, 1907
Annie and Danier Carter (Freedmen)	February 14, 1907
Margie Hall (Freedman)	February 16, 1907
Lavera Perry (Freedman)	February 7, 1907
Willie and Bennie Roberts	February 6, 1907
Clarence Vails	February 7, 1907
Beatrice and Maudie Jeffres (Freedmen)	February 11, 1907
L. F. Rhoades, et al,	February 14, 1907
Alrener Pitchlynn (Freedman)	February 11, 1907
Henry and Minnie Reed (Freedmen)	February 11, 1907
Vivian V. and Clyde Parks	February 11, 1907
Marvin Clifford Manley	February 7, 1907
Blanche M. Stark, et al,	February 20, 1907

Title of case.		Date of your letter of transmittal.
James H. Law,	(Intermarried)	February 6, 1907.
Bell Serna	(Miss. Choc.)	February 7, 1907.
David & Mariedell Powell	(Freedmen)	February 7, 1907.
Sammie Blunt	(Freedman)	February 7, 1907.
Clora & Annie Berry	(Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
Robert Thompson	(Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
Washington & Hester Anthony	(Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
Ann & Emmett Walzen	(Freedmen)	February 21, 1907.
Dee Wilson	(Freedmen)	February 20, 1907.
Blanch Johnson	(Freedman)	February 16, 1907.
Luvena May Everett	(Miss.Choc.)	February 23, 1907.
Viola Warrior	(Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
Ella Folsom, et al,	(Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
Edward Adamson	(Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
Allie May & Amos Williams	(Freedmen)	February 21, 1907.
John Ward, et al.		January 23, 1907.
Frank P. Morgan	(Intermarried)	January 24, 1907.
Marion James Robins	(Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
William C. York, et al.		January 16, 1907.
William S. Watters, et al.		February 23, 1907.
Charley Braggs,	(Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
Hattie Marie Stewart, et al.		February 25, 1907.
Robert McCoy	(Freedman)	February 18, 1907.
George Chatman	(Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
Louisa Perry,	(Freedman)	February 19, 1907.
John Albert Pautsky		February 26, 1907.
Nancy F. & Thursey McLarty		February 26, 1907.
Eathea Shockey,		February 26, 1907.
Albert & Ermer Piggee	(Freedmen)	February 26, 1907.
Boling McKinney, et al,	(Freedman)	February 26, 1907.

Copies of Indian Office letters submitting your reports and recommending that the decisions be approved, are inclosed.

A copy hereof and all the papers in the above-mentioned cases have been sent to the Indian Office.

Respectfully,

E. A. Hitchcock.

Secretary.

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Refer in reply to the following.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON. March 1, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is enclosed record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Blanch Johnson as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of Commissioner Bixby dated February 16, 1907, adverse to the applicant.

The decision of Commissioner Bixby has been examined and found to be correct and its approval is recommended.

Very respectfully,

C.F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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17-NB-49

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 13, 1907.

Perry Johnson,

Valliant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on March 4, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 16, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Blanche Johnson as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. [illegible]

Acting Commissioner.

17-MB-49

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 13, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,
Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that on March 4, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 16, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Blanche Johnson as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rodgers.
Acting Commissioner.

17 No 49.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 15, 1906.

Perry Johnson,

Valliant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Annie Johnson, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not she was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

It will also be necessary that you furnish this office with evidence of your marriage with Sallie Johnson, mother of this child. The best evidence of which will be the original or certified copy of your marriage license and certificate.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in

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order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

17-NB-49

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 1, 1907.

Perry Johnson,

Valliant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavit of Sallie Johnson to the birth of Annie Johnson, child of Perry and Sallie Johnson, November 12, 1902, and the same has been filed in the matter of the enrollment of said child.

Receipt is also acknowledged of the affidavit of Sallie Johnson to the birth of Blanch Johnson, child of Perry and Sallie Johnson, May 15, 1904.

You are advised that it does not appear from the records of this office that an application has been made for the enrollment of Blanch Johnson as a Choctaw freedman and the time within which applications could be received for the enrollment of minor children of Choctaw and Chickasaw citizens under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expired July 25, 1906.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 11, 1907.

Perry Johnson,

Valliant, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of February 5, 1907, in which you state that you sent in affidavits to the birth of your child and you ask the status of the case so that you may file for her.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the name of your child Annie Johnson has been placed upon a schedule of minor Choctaw freedmen which is being prepared for forwarding to the Secretary of the Interior and you will be notified when her enrollment is approved by the Department.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Marie Brown

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ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

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Copy of Decision forwarded Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations Feb 14 1907

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Butler Manning

as a citizen of

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN Nation.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 20

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Butler Manning, born on the 2nd day of Jan, 1903

(Here insert name of child)

Name of Father: Bruce Manning, a citizen of the U. S. Nation.

Name of Mother: Mandy Manning, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Post-office Phillips, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
INDIAN TERRITORY, }
Central District. }

I, Mandy Manning, on oath state that I am 24 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Bruce Manning, who is a citizen, by ~~Nation~~, of the U. S.; that a male (Male or female) child was born to me on 2nd day of Jan, 1903; that said child has been named Butler Manning, and is now living.

her
Mandy + Manning
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

H. I. Murray
Julia Stuart

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of July, 1904

D. I. Kennedy
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
INDIAN TERRITORY, }
Central District. }

I, Ellen Walden, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Mandy Manning, wife of Bruce Manning on the 2nd day of Jan, 1903, that there was born to her on said date a male (MALE OR FEMALE) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Butler Manning

her
Ellen + Walden
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

H. I. Murray
Julia Stuart

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of July, 1904.

D. I. Kennedy
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Dutter Manning

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

CHOCTAW ROLL

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Commissioner.

Date of Birth
Jan. 2. 1903.

Original application received April 26, 1906.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Butler Manning [Here insert name of child] born on the 2 day of Jan. 1903.

Name of Father: Bruce Manning a citizen of the Nation.

Name of Mother: Mandy Manning a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw Freedman

Postoffice Shieglaw

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Mandy Manning, on oath state that I am 28 years of age and a citizen by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Bruce Manning, who is a citizen, by , of the Nation; that a male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 2 day of January 1903.; that said child has been named Butler Manning and was living March 4, 1906.

Mandy Manning

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of January 1907

W. E. Moorman

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Ellen Walker, a mid-wife, on oath state that I attended on Mandy Manning, wife of Bruce Manning on the 2 day of January 1903.; that there was born to her on said date a male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Butler Manning.

her
Ellen X Walker
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { [illegible]
J. W. Rolls }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of January 1907

W. E. Moorman

Notary Public.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Butler Manning [Here insert name of child], born on the 2nd day of January 1903

Name of Father: Brisco Manning a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the U. S. Nation.

Name of Mother: Mandy Manning a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Stringtown, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Mandy Manning, on oath state that I am 27 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Brisco Manning, who is a citizen, ~~by~~ ....., of the U. S. Nation; that a male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 2nd day of January 1903; that said child has been named Butter Manning and ~~was living March 4, 1906.~~ is still living

her
Mandy X Manning
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] Fay E. Blacker
Richard Shanafelt

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of February 1907

Richard Shanafelt
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Ellen Walker, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mandy Manning, wife of Brisco Manning, on the 2nd day of January 1903; that there was born to her on said date a male [Male or Female] child; that said child ~~was~~ is still living ~~March 4, 1906~~, and is said to have been named Butter Manning

her
Ellen X Walker
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] Fay E. Blacker
Richard Shanafelt

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of February 1907

Richard Shanafelt
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

.....Allen Manning.....

as a citizen of

Choctaw
.....CHOCTAW FREEDMAN... Nation.

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Commissioner.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Allen Manning [Here insert name of child], born on the 10 day of April 1905;

Name of Father: Brisco Manning a citizen of the Nation.

Name of Mother Mandy Manning a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw Freedman

Postoffice Stringtown I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Mandy Manning, on oath state that I am 28 years of age and a citizen by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Brisco Manning, who is a citizen, by , of the Nation; that a male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 10 day of April 1905; that said child has been named Allen Manning and was living March 4, 1906.

Mandy Manning

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 st day of January 1907

N. H. Moorman
Notary Public.

My Commission expires July 5th 1909 (SEAL)

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Ellen Walker, a mid-wife, on oath state that I attended on Mandy Manning, wife of Brisco Manning on the 10 day of April 1905, that there was born to her on said date a Male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Allen Manning

her
Ellen X Walker
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { G. R. Ralls
J. G. Ralls }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of January 1907

N.H.Moorman
Notary P(SEAL-

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Alma Manning

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN

Approved ..... 190...

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Commissioner.

NB 51 Jan 24 1907.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Alma Manning [Here insert name of child], born on the 10 day of Apr 1905.

Name of Father: Brisco Manning a citizen of the Nation.

Name of Mother: Mandy Manning a citizen Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw Freedman

Postoffice Stringtown, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Mandy Manning, on oath state that I am 28 years of age and a citizen by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Brisco Manning, who is a citizen, by ....., of the Nation; that a male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 10 day of April, 1905; that said child has been named Alma Manning and was living March 4, 1906.

Mandy Manning

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of January 1907.

N.H.Moorman
Notary Public.
(SEAL)

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Ellen Walker, a mid-wife, on oath state that I attended on Mandy Manning, wife of Brisco Manning on the 10 day of April 1905; that there was born to her on said date a male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Alma Manning

her
Ellen X Walker
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] G. R. Ralls
J. C. Ralls

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of January 1907.

N.H.Moorman. (SEAL)
Notary Public.

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C. J.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Alma Manning and Allen Manning as Choctaw freedmen.

-: D E C I S I O N :-

It appears from the record herein that on January 27, 1907 there was received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes written application for the enrollment of Alma Manning and Allen Manning as Choctaw freedmen.

It further appears from the record herein and from the records of this office that said applicants, Alma Manning and Allen Manning, were born April 10, 1905; that they are the children of Prisco Manning a non-citizen, and of Mandy Manning whose name appears opposite number 3608 on the final roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior March 6, 1903; that the mother of said applicants and Ellen Walker, the attending midwife, executed their respective affidavits to the birth of said applicants January 21, 1907.

It does not appear from the records of this office that any application of any nature whatsoever was ever made for the enrollment of said applicants as Choctaw freedmen prior to July 26, 1906.

Section two of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), provides:

> "That for ninety days after approval hereof applications shall be received for enrollment of children who were minors living March fourth, nineteen hundred and six, whose parents have been enrolled as members of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, or Creek tribes, or have applications for enrollment pending at the approval hereof, and for the purpose of enrollment under this section illegitimate children shall take the status of the mother, and allotments shall be made to children so enrolled".

I am of the opinion that inasmuch as application was not made for the enrollment of Alma Manning and Allen Manning as Choctaw freedmen within the time limited by the provisions of the above Act I am without authority to receive or consider any application for their enrollment as such, and that therefore, I should decline to receive or consider the same, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 13, 1906.

Brisco Manning,

Phillips, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Butler Manning, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not he was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 30, 1907.

Falls Brothers,

Attorneys at Law,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 21, 1907, inclosing affidavits of Mandy Manning and Ellen Walker to the birth of Alma Manning and Allen Manning April 10, 1905 and Butler Manning January 2, 1903.

You are advised that it does not appear from the records of this office that an application has been made for the enrollment of the children above named and under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, the time within which applications could be received for the enrollment of minor children of citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nation expired July 25, 1906, and there is now no authority for the reception of original applications.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-NB-51

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 1, 1907.

Ralls Brothers,

Attorneys at Law,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Referring to the letter of January 30 addressed to you by this office acknowledging receipt of the affidavits of Mandy Manning and Ellen Walker to the birth of Alma Manning and Allen Manning April 10, 1905, and Butler Manning January 2, 1903, you are hereby advised that it was inadvertedly stated in that letter that it did not appear from the records of this office that any application had been made for the enrollment of the children above named. The said statement should have been limited to the applications of Alma Manning and Allen Manning, only, and should not have included the application of Butler Manning for it does appear from the records of this office that prior application was received for the enrollment of Butler Manning as a Chootaw freedman within the time limited by the provisionsof the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-N.B.-61 COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 13, 1907.

Brisco Manning,

Phillips, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 13, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Alma and Allen Manning as Choctaw freedmen.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.

Incl. 17-N.B.-61

17-N.B.-51

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 13, 1907.

Mansfield McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 13, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Alma Manning and Allen Manning as Choctaw freedmen.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Invl. 17-N.B.-51.

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 13, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Alma Manning and Allen Manning as Choctaw freedmen, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 13, 1907, declining to receive or consider said application.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

2 Incl. 17-N.B.-51.

Through the

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, S.P.

WASHINGTON.

I.T.D. 5914,6060,6064,6074,6078-1907. March 2, 1907.
6080,6108,6112,6154,6160-

LRS
D.C.12845
DIRECT.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Your decisions in the following Choctaw citizenship cases adverse to the applicants are hereby affirmed.

Copies of Indian Office letters submitting your reports and recommending that the decisions be affirmed are inclosed:

Title of Case.		Date of your letter of transmittal.
John C. White	(Miss. Choc.)	February 12, 1907.
Mary M. Beckwith, et al.	(freedmen)	February 14, 1907.
Dora Matubbe	(freedman)	February 14, 1907.
Alice Butler	(freedman)	February 16, 1907.
Mariah Sands, et al.	(freedmen)	April 21, 1906.
George McCall, et al.		February 16, 1907.
Alice M. Smith,		January 14, 1907.
Alma Manning, et al.	(freedmen)	[illegible]
Thomas H. P. Smith, et al.		February 16, 1907.
Henry Nelson	(freedman)	February 16, 1907.

A copy hereof and the papers in the above mentioned cases have been sent to the Indian Office.

Respectfully,

Jesse E. Wilson,

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON.

February 28, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is enclosed a report from Commissioner Bixby dated February 13, 1907, transmitting the record relative to the application of Alma and Allen Manning for enrollment as Choctaw freedmen. They were rejected by the Commissioner on February 13, 1907. The record in the case has been examined and the Commissioner's decision is believed to be correct. Its approval is recommended.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

GAW-GH

17-M[illegible]32

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 25, 1907.

Brisco Manning,

Phillips, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on March 2, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of February 13, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Alma Manning and Allen Manning as Choctaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-MB-51

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 25, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that on March 2, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of February 13, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Alma Manning and Allen Manning as Choctaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 52

Thomas Powell

M. Fr. 52

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MINOR

MINOR ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Thomas Powell

Decline to receive Feb 11 1907

(Born too late)

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Thomas Powell (Here insert name of deceased.)

a citizen of the ..... Nation, who formerly resided at or near Oberlin (Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter., and died on the 3rd day of May, 1903

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, } Central DISTRICT. }

I, Martha Powell, on oath state that I am 27 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that my postoffice address is Oberlin (Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter.; that I am the mother (State relationship: as the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) of Thomas Powell (Here insert name of deceased.) who was a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation and that said Thomas Powell (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 3rd day of May, 1903.

WITNESSES TO MARK: Martha Powell

(Must Be Two Witnesses.) { .....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of February 1907.

Richard Shanafelt
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, } Central DISTRICT. }

I, Louis Parnell, on oath state that I am 46 years of age, and a ~~citizen, by~~ Citz. of the U. S. Nation; that my postoffice address is Oberlin (Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Thomas Powell (Here insert name of deceased.) who was a ~~citizen, by~~ as applicant for enrollment Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; and that said Thomas Powell (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 3rd day of May, 1903.

WITNESSES TO MARK: Louis his X mark Parnell

(Must Be Two Witnesses.) { .....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of February 1907.

Richard Shanafelt
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Thomas Powell

as a citizen of the

Choctaw *Nation.*

Approved _____ *190*

Commissioner.

DEC 2, 1902

CHOCTAW. Fr 1002

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

It appearing from the record herein that the applicant, Thomas Powell was born subsequent to September 25, 1902 and died prior to March 4, 1906, I am of the opinion that under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), I am without authority to receive, consider or make any record of any application for the enrollment of said Thomas Powell as a Choctaw freedman and therefore I should decline to receive the same, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

1907

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Thomas Powell, born on the 10 day of November 1902
(Here insert name of child)
Name of Father: H. G. Powell, a citizen of the Choctaw (Chick.) Nation.
Name of Mother: Martha Powell, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Post-Office: Bristow Indian Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Martha Powell, on oath state that I am 2x years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of H. G. Powell, who is a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, that a Male child was born to me on the 10 day of November 1902; that said child has been named Thomas Powell, and is now living.

Martha Powell

WITNESSED TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of December 1902

E. C. Perkins
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Sarah Vincent, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Martha Powell, wife of H. G. Powell, on the 10 day of November, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Thomas Powell

WITNESSED TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of December 1902

E. C. Perkins
Notary Public.

17-1003.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 5, 1903.

H.C. Powell,

Oberlin, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir;

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Thomas Powell, infant son of H.C. and Martha Powell, born November 10, 1902.

You are advised that the Commission is without authority to enroll this child as a Choctaw freedman, it appearing that said child was born November 10, 1902, subsequent to the ratification by the citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations September 25, 1902 of an act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641).

Section twenty-eight thereof provides as follows:

"The names of all persons living on the date of the final ratification of this agreement entitled to be enrolled as provided in section 27 hereof shall be placed upon the rolls made by said Commission; and no child born thereafter to a citizen or freedman and no person intermarried thereafter to a citizen shall be entitled to enrollment or to participate in the distribution of the tribal property of the Choctaws and Chickasaws."

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

17-1002

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 6, 1906.

Harrison Powell,

Oberlin, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There were received at this office July 26, 1906, affidavits of Martha Powell and Cealie Powell to the birth of Mariedell Powell, child of Harrison Powell and Martha Powell, September 9, 1905; also affidavits of Martha Powell and Sarah Vincent to the birth of David Powell, child of Harrison and Martha Powell, February 1, 1904.

You will be notified of such action as is taken in regard to the affidavits to the birth of said children.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

17 MB 52.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 13, 1906.

H. C. Powell,

Oberlin, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Thomas Powell, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not he was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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17-MB-52

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 14, 1907.

Martha Powell,

Oberlin, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

You are hereby advised that it appearing from the records of this office that your minor child, Thomas Powell was born subsequent to March 4, 1906, the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, on February 11, 1907, declined to receive the application for his enrollment as a minor Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 53

Louisa Perry

Richard R. Perry

M. Fr. 53

MINOR

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ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Louisa Perry

Richard R. Perry

No. 2 Decline to receive Feb 15 1907
No. 1 REFUSED
Record Forwarded Department Feb 15 1907
Action Approved by Secretary of Interior
Mar 4 1907

Notice of Departmental Action Forwarded
Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations
Apr 13 1907

Notice of Departmental Action Mailed
Applicant. Apr 13 1907

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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17-1436

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Louisa Perry

as a citizen of

Choctaw Freedman Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS. APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Louisa Perry [Here insert name of child], born on the 13 day of March 1904.

Name of Father: Allen Perry a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Jincy Perry a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father..... Tribal enrollment of mother.....

Postoffice Carbon, Ind Ter

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Jincy Perry, on oath state that I am 27 years of age and a citizen by Freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Allen Perry, who is a citizen, by Freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 13 day of March 1904; that said child has been named Louisa Perry and ~~was living March 4, 1906~~ is now living

Jincy Perry

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of December 1904

Allen C. Gregg
Notary Public

(SEAL)

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, May Bierman, a lady, on oath state that I attended on Mrs Jincy Perry, wife of Allen Perry on the 13 day of March 1904, ~~that there was born to her on said date a~~ female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Louisa Perry

May Bierman

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of December 1904

Allen C. Perry
Notary Public.

SEAL

17-NB-53.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 12, 1907.

Allen Perry,

Carbon, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Louisa Perry, as a Choctaw freedman, under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are advised that it will be necessary to furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not she was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore forwarded to not determine that fact.

There is enclosed herewith a new blank properly filled out except as to the signatures of yourself and the attending mid-wife. You are requested to go before a notary public and have these affidavits signed, sworn to, and properly executed and return them so as to reach this office not later than January 20, 1907, in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-MB-53.
W.A.B.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Louisa Perry as a Choctaw freedman.

D E C I S I O N.

It appears from the record herein that application was duly made to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of Louisa Perry as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, (34 Stats., 137).

It further appears from the record herein that the applicant was born March 15, 1904, and is the daughter of Jincy Perry, whose name appears as Jincy James Perry opposite No. 5280 upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior August 22, 1905, and Allen Perry, whose name appears opposite No. 4876 upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior November 16, 1904.

Although ample opportunity has been afforded the parents of said applicant to furnish this office with competent evidence that the said child was living on March 4, 1906, they have failed to do so.

I am of the opinion that the application for the enrollment of Louisa Perry as a Choctaw freedman should be denied under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, (34 Stats., 137) as amended by the Act of Congress approved June 21, 1906, (34 Stats., 325) and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

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W. A. B.

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 19, 1907.

Allen Perry,

Blocker, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 19, 1907, denying the application for the enrollment of Louisa Perry as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.

Incl. 17-NB-53

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 19, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray and Cornish;

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:-

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 19, 1907, denying the applicationfor the enrollment of Louisa Perry as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with therecord of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Incl. 17-MB-53

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 19, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior:

Sir:-

There is transmitted herewith record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Louisa Perry as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 19, 1907, denying said application.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

2 Incl.

Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

JF.

D. C. 12883-1907. FHE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON. March 4, 1907.

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DIRECT.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Your decisions in the following Choctaw enrollment cases adverse to the applicants are hereby affirmed, viz:

Title of Case.	Date of your letter of transmittal.
Alex and Lee G. Lewis (Freedmen)	February 14, 1907.
Cora Bailey (Freedman)	February 13, 1907.
Virginia and Dave Colbert (Freedmen)	February 12, 1907.
Stella Marlow	February 15, 1907.
Joanna Pollock, et al.	December 24, 1906.
Ulysis and Sydney Frazier (Freedmen)	February 14, 1907.
Annie and Danier Carter (Freedmen)	February 14, 1907.
Margie Hall (Freedman)	February 16, 1907.
Lavera Perry (Freedman)	February 7, 1907.
Willie and Bennie Roberts	February 6, 1907.
Clarence Vails	February 7, 1907.
Beatrice and Maudie Jeffres (Freedmen)	February 11, 1907.
L. P. Rhoades, et al.,	February 14, 1907.
Alrener Pitchlynn (Freedman)	February 11, 1907.
Henry and Minnie Reed (Freedmen)	February 11, 1907.
Vivian V. and Clyde Parks	February 11, 1907.
Marvin Clifford Manley	February 7, 1907.
Blanche M. Stark, et al.,	February 20, 1907.

Title of Case.	Date of your letter of transmittal.
James H. Law, (Intermarried)	February 6, 1907.
Bell Serna (Miss. Choc.)	February 7, 1907.
David and Mariedell Powell (Freedmen)	February 7, 1907.
Samuie Blunt (Freedman)	February 7, 1907.
Clora and Annie Berry (Freedmen)	February 21, 1907.
Robert Thompson (Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
Washington and Hester Anthony (Freedmen)	February 21, 1907.
Ann and Emmett Walzen (Freedmen)	February 21, 1907.
Dee Wilson (Freedman)	February 20, 1907.
Blanch Johnson (Freedman)	February 16, 1907.
Luvena May Everett (Miss. Choc.)	February 23, 1907.
Viola Warrior (Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
Ella Folsom, et al., (Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
Edward Adamson (Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
Allie May and Amos Williams (Freedmen)	February 21, 1907.
John Ward, et al.,	January 23, 1907.
Frank P. Morgan (Intermarried)	January 24, 1907.
Marion James Robins (Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
William C. York, et al.,	January 16, 1907.
William S. Watters, et al.,	February 23, 1907.
Charley Braggs (Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
Hattie Marie Stewart, et al.,	February 25, 1907.
Robert McCoy (Freedman)	February 18, 1907.
George Chatman (Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
Louisa Perry, (Freedman)	February 19, 1907.
John Albert Pautsky	February 26, 1907.
Nancy F. and Thursey McLarty	February 26, 1907.
Eathes Shockey,	February 26, 1907.
Albert and Ermer Piggee (Freedmen)	February 26, 1907.
Boling McKinney, et al., (Freedman)	February 26, 1907.

Copies of Indian Office letters submitting your reports and recommending that the decisions be approved, are inclosed.

A copy hereof and all the papers in the above-mentioned cases have been sent to the Indian Office.

Respectfully,

48 inc. and 98 for Ind. Of.
with copy hereof.
AFMc.
3-4-07.

E. A. Hitchcock,
Secretary.

Refer in reply to the following. 948/342

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

LAND
18351-1907.
D. C. 12883

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON. March 1, 1907.

C O P Y

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is enclosed report from Commissioner Bixby, dated February 19, 1907, transmitting the record relative to the application for the enrollment of Louisa Perry as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner, dated February 19, 1907, adverse to the applicant.

The decision of the Commissioner has been examined, and found to be correct, and it is recommended for approval.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

HRD-LC.

17-NB-53

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 13, 1907.

Allen Perry,

Blocker, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on March 4, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 19, 1907, denying the application for the enrollment of Louisa Perry as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rodgers.

Acting Commissioner.

17-NB-53

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 13, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that on March 4, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 19, 1907, denying the application for the enrollment of Louisa Perry as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rodgers.

Acting Commissioner.

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IN RE -

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Richard R. Perry

freedman

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved ..... 190...

..... Commissioner.

Born Nov. 26, 1905.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Richard R. Perry [Here insert name of child], born on the 26 day of november 905.

Name of Father: Allen Perry a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Jincy Jane Perry a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father freedman Tribal enrollment of mother Freedman

Postoffice Blocker, Ind T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Jincy Jane Perry, on oath state that I am 29 years of age and a citizen by Freedman, of the choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Allen Perry, who is a citizen, by freedman, of the choctaw Nation; that a male [Male or Female] child was born to me on the 26 day of November 1905; that said child has been named Richard R. Perry and was living March 4, 1906.

Jincy Jane Perry

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 24 day of July 1906.

W.J. Stepp
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
central District. }

I, his G.T. x Payne mark, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Jincy Jane Perry, wife of Allen Perry on the 26 day of Nov 905; that there was born to her on said date a male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Richard R. Perry

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { Ida Stepp
Ben Nail

(SEAL)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 24 day of July 1906.

W.P.Stepp
Notary Public.

17-NB-53
S.E.F.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Richard R. Perry as a Choctaw freedman.

-: D E C I S I O N :-

It appears from the record herein that on July 27, 1906, there was received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes written application for the enrollment of Richard R. Perry as a Choctaw freedman.

It further appears from the record herein and from the records of this office that Richard R. Perry was born November 26, 1905, and that he is the son of Allen Perry whose name appears opposite No. 4876 upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior November 16, 1904, and Jincy Jane Perry whose name appears opposite No. 5280 upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior November 16, 1904.

It does not appear from the records of this office that any application of any nature whatsoever was ever made for the enrollment of said applicant as a Choctaw freedman prior to July 26, 1906.

Section two of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), provides:

> "That for ninety days after approval hereof applications shall be received for enrollment of children who were minors living March fourth, nineteen hundred and six, whose parents have been enrolled as members of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, or Creek tribes, or have applications for enrollment pending at the approval hereof, and for the purpose of enrollment under this section illegitimate children shall take the status of the mother, and allotments shall be made to children so enrolled".

I am of the opinion that inasmuch as application was not made for the enrollment of Richard R. Perry as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the above Act, I am without authority to receive or consider any application for his enrollment as such, and that therefore, I should decline to receive or consider the same, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

FEB 15 1907

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 15, 1907.

Allen Perry,

Blocker, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

I inclose herewith a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 15, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Richard R. Perry as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the proceedings in the case is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

17-MB-53
Registered.

17-NB-53

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 15, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

I inclose herewith a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 15, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Richard R. Perry as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the proceedings in the case is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

17-NB-53

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 15, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Richard R. Perry as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 15, 1907, declining to receive or consider said application.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

17-NB-53.
Registered.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON. March 8, 1907.

LRS.
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DIRECT.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Your decisions in the following Choctaw citizenship cases adverse to the applicants are hereby affirmed. Copies of Indian Office letters submitting your reports and recommending that the decisions be affirmed are enclosed.

Title of Case.	Title of Your Letter of Transmittal.
Richard Floyd (Freedman),	February 13, 1907.
Dave and Addie May Bailey (Freedmen)	February 13, 1907.
Ardithia and Larue McKinney (Freedmen)	February 16, 1907.
Monie Cochran (Freedman),	February 13, 1907.
Nancy Cole and Liza Ellen Cole (Freedmen),	February 14, 1907.
E. C. Seale, et al.,	February 14, 1907.
Mansell and Lavester Artry, (Freedman),	February 14, 1907.
Nellie J. Gideon, et al.,	December 28, 1906.
Emma and Evaline Jackson,	February 14, 1907.
Ida Bell Bennett,	February 15, 1907.

Title of Case.	Date of your letter of transmittal.
Nemie Warner, et al., (Freedman),	February 16, 1907.
Katie Simpson, et al.,	February 16, 1907.
Raymond Henry Davis,	February 14, 1907.
Nancy T. Wilson, et al., (Miss. Choc.),	February 12, 1907.
J. W. Hill and Newton Hill,	January 25, 1907.
Viera Lee Spring (Freedman),	February 12, 1907.
William Edgar and Oscar Jeffreys, (Miss. Choc.),	February 11, 1907.
Celestine Pierce (Freedman),	February 13, 1907.
Nick Cubit (Freedman),	February 13, 1907.
Lucretia Radnet, et al.,	February 15, 1907.
Susan A. Baird,	February 15, 1907.
William Allen Gee (Miss. Choc.),	February 12, 1907.
Ella Williams (Freedman),	February 13, 1907.
Ida Colbert,	February 12, 1907.
Mable Everidge (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
Dackie May Mabrie (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
Cornelious and Vaneda Riddle (Freedmen),	February 15, 1907.
Jimmie Lee Alexander (Freedman),	February 13, 1907.
Fred M. Patterson, et al.,	February 15, 1907.
Ed Childers, et al., (Freedmen),	February 12, 1907.
Lizzie Dennis (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
Hellen D'Grace McMurty,	February 12, 1907.
Mable Bailey and Rosa Anna Bailey (Freedman),	February 13, 1907.
John Louis (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
Amanda Watchy, (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
Matt Davis, et al.,	February 15, 1907.
Marjie Record (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
Laura Henry (Freedman),	February 14, 1907.
Ollie Webster (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
James McCall,	February 15, 1907.
Nellie Elizabeth Kendrick (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
Elwood Judy (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
Oscar Brown (Freedman),	February 13, 1907.
Verna Verniti Bryant,	February 15, 1907.
Richard R. Perry (Freedman),	February 20, 1907.
James Luke Tubbee (Miss. Choc.),	February 20, 1907.
Elmina Merryman (Miss. Choc.),	February 20, 1907.
Ethel Rogers (Miss. Choc.),	

A copy hereof and all the papers in the above mentioned

cases have been sent to the Indian Office.

Respectfully,

Jesse E. Wilson,

Assistant Secretary.

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Refer in reply to the following:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Land. OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

17191-1907. WASHINGTON.

February 28, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is enclosed the record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Richard R. Perry as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of Commissioner Bixby dated February 15, 1907, adverse to the applicant.

The decision of Commissioner Bixby has been examined and found to be correct and its approval is recommended.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

EBM.Ph.

17-MB-53

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 13, 1907.

Allen Perry,

Blocker, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on March 2, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 15, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Richard R. Perry as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rodgers,

ACTING Commissioner.

17-NB-53

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 13, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that on March 4, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 15, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Richard R. Perry as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rodgers.

ACTING Commissioner.

17-1436

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 27, 1906.

Allen Perry,

Blocker, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

July 27, 1906, there were received at this office the affidavit of Jincy Jane Perry to the birth of Richard R. Perry, child of Allen and Jincy Jane Perry, November 26, 1905.

You will be notified of such action as is taken in regard to the affidavits to the birth of this child.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Oklahoma, March 26, 1909.

United States Indian Agent,
Union Agency,
Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 22nd, transmitting a communication from S. G. Brink, District Agent, McAlester, Oklahoma, requesting information relative to the enrollment status of Louisa and Richard H. Perry, minor children of Allen Perry, a Choctaw freedman.

In reply you are advised the records of this office show that on February 19, 1907, the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered a decision holding that the application for the enrollment of Louisa Perry as a Choctaw freedman should be denied under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of Congress approved June 21, 1906, for the reason that the parents of said applicant had been afforded ample opportunity to furnish evidence that said child was living March 4, 1906, and that no such evidence was filed. This decision was affirmed by the Secretary of the Interior March 4, 1907.

You are further informed that on February 15, 1907, the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered a decision holding that inasmuch as the application for the [redacted]lment of Richard

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R. Perry as a Choctaw freedman was not received within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, there was no authority to receive or consider the same. Said decision was affirmed by the Secretary of the Interior March 2, 1907.

Mr. Brink's letter is returned herewith as requested.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

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Choc. M. Fr. 54

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MINOR 54

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Willie Rentie

Decline to receive Feb 11 1907

(Born too late)

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 17, 1905

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Willie, Fanny and Oscar Alexander Rentie as Creek Freedmen.

Warrior Rentie, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION:

Q What is your name? A Warrior Rentie.
Q What is your age? A About 42, I guess.
Q What is your postoffice? A Muskogee.
Q Are you a citizen of the Creek Nation? A Yes sir.

The witness is identified as Warrior Rentie on Creek Freedman card, field No. 239, and his name is contained in partial list of Creek Freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior March 15, 1902, Roll No. 828

Q Have you a child named Willie Rentie. A Yes sir.
Q When was Willie born? A Willie was born about February or March, 1903; I don't remember.
Is Willie living? A Dead.
Q When did he die? A Died sometime in June, or died later; I can find out from the undertaker.
Q Was he a little over a year old when he died A Yes, I think so.
Q Have you a child named Oscar Alexander Rentie? A Yes sir.
Q When was Oscar born? A October 2., 1901.
Q Is Oscar living? A Yes sir.
Q Who was present at the birth of Oscar? A I think my mother was.
Q What is her name? A Caroline(.) Rentie. I would not be positive about it; I don't remember exactly.
Q Was another one also there. A I don't remember really.
Q When was Fanny Rentie born? A Born on the 4th day of last month, 1905.
Q Is Fanny living? A Yes sir.
Q Is Oscar living? A Yes sir.
Q Who was present when Fanny was born? A Dr. Callahan, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Florence Arr----
Q Was a doctor present when Oscar Alexander was born? A I don't think there was.
Q What is the name of the mother of these children. A Amelia
Q Is she a citizen of the Creek Nation? A No sir.
Q Citizen of any nation in Indian Territory? A Citizen of the Chickasaw or Choctaw nation, I don't know.
Q Is she a citizen by blood or a freedman? A Freedman.
Q In case it should be found that these children have rights in both the Creek and Choctaw or Chickasaw Nations, in which nation do you elect to have them enrolled and receive their allotment of land. A In the Creek Nation.

The witness is notified that it will be necessary for him

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to send to the Commission the affidavit of the mother and the physician in attendance at the birth of Fanny Rentie, and the physician or midwife in attendance at the birth of Oscar Alexander Rentie.

INDIAN TERRITORY, Western District.

I, J. Y. Miller, a stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, do hereby certify upon oath that the above and foregoing is a true and complete translation of my notes as same appear in my stenographic report of this case.

J. Y. Miller

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 7th day of April, 1905.

Ina E. Garrick
Notary Public.

My Comm. expires April 11, 1909.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Willie Rentie

as a citizen of

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved ..... 190....

Commissioner.

Born Nov 2 - 1902

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CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

It appearing from the record herein that the applicant, Willie Rentie, was born subsequent to September 25, 1902 and died prior to March 4, 1906, I am of the opinion that under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), I am without authority to receive, consider or make any record of any application for the enrollment of the said Willie Rentie as a Choctaw freedman and therefore I should decline to receive the same, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation,
of Willie Rentie, born on the 2nd day of November, 1902
(Here insert name of child.)
Name of Father: Warrior A Rentie a citizen of the Creek Nation.
Name of Mother: Aurella Rentie a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.
Post-office Muskogee I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY
Western District.

I, Aurella Rentie, on oath state that I am Thirty six years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Warrior A Rentie, who is a citizen, by adoption, of the Creek Nation; that a male (male or female.) child was born to me on the 2nd day of November 1902 that said child has been named Willie Rentie, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK: Aurella Rentie

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 *day of* December *1902.*

Robert Phillips
NOTARY PUBLIC

Commission expires July 2, 1906

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Western District,

I, Caroline Rentie, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Aurella Rentie, wife of Warrior A Rentie on the 2nd day of November, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a male (male or female) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Willie Rentie

her
Caroline X Rentie
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) W A Rawlins
Wiley M. McIntosh

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 *day of* December *1902*

Robert Phillips
NOTARY PUBLIC

Commission expires July 2 1906

NF 218.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 31, 1906.

Warrior Rentie,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is herewith enclosed one copy of the order of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated October 29, 1906, dismissing the application made by you for the enrollment of your minor child, Willie Rentie, deceased, as a Creek Freedman.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
NF 218 COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 3, 1906.

Chief Clerk,

Choctaw-Chickasaw Enrollment Division,

General Office.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the name of Oscar Alexander and Fannie Rentie, children of Warrior Rentie a Creek Freedman and Aurella F. Rentie, an alleged citizen of the Choctaw Nation, are contained in partial schedule of New Born freedmen, (March 3, 1905) of the Creek Nation, approved by the Secretary of the Interior November 24, 1905, opposite roll numbers 258 and 259.

You are further advised that the matter of the application for the enrollment as a Creek Freedman of Willie Rentie, a child who was born to said parents on February 15, 1903 and died in the year 1904 has been dismissed by the Commissioner.

Respectfully,

Wm. O. Beall.
Acting Commissioner.

17 NB 54.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 13, 1906.

Warrior A. Rentie,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Willie Rentie, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not he was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore forwarded do not determine that fact.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

17 NB 390

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 9, 1907.

Clerk in charge,

Cherokee Enrollment Division,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It appears from the records of the Choctaw-Chickasaaw Enrollment Division that on July 25, 1906, application was made for the enrollment of Wesley and John Henry Flack, born on February 18, 1903, and August 12, 1905, respectively, as minor Choctaw Freedmen.

It appears from the birth affidavits on file that the mother of said children, Eliza Flack, is a Choctaw Freedman, and that the father, Henry Flack, is a Cherokee Freedman.

You are requested to make this matter special and advise the Choctaw-Chickasaw Enrollment Division, as soon as possible, as to whether or not any application has been made for the enrollment of Wesley and John Henry Flack as Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation, and of so, what disposition has been made of the application.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-NB-84.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 14, 1907.

Warrior A. Rentie,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that it appearing from the records of this office that your minor child, Willie Rentie, died prior to March 4, 1906, the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes on February 11, 1907, declined to receive the application for his enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Choc. M. Fr. 55

Theadore Roosevelt Roberts

M. Fr. 55

MINOR 55

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Theadore Roosevelt Roberts

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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Certificate of Record of Marriage.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
SOUTHERN DISTRICT. } sct.

I, C. M. CAMPBELL, Clerk of the United States Court in the Territory and District aforesaid, do hereby certify that the License for, and Certificate of Marriage of,

MR. Geo. Roberts

AND

MS Samantha Burnett

were filed in my office in said Territory and District the 15 day of Nov., A. D. 1901, and duly recorded in Book 2 of Marriage Record, Page 72.

WITNESS my hand and Seal of said Court, at Ardmore, this 23 day of Jan., A. D. 1902.

C. M. Campbell,
Clerk.

☞ Return this License to the United States Clerk at Ardmore, that it may be recorded, when it will be mailed to the proper address.

Ardmoreite Steam Print.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
RECEIVED
JAN 18 1902

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

[redacted]

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
SOUTHERN DISTRICT. } ss:

To Any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between Mr. George Roberts, of Berwyn in the Indian Territory, aged 20 years, and Miss Samantha Bruner, of Berwyn in the Indian Territory, aged 17 years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this License to the parties therein named.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 5 day of Nov, A. D. 1901

C M Campbell
Clerk of the United States Court.

Deputy.

Certificate of Marriage.

United States of America,
Indian Territory,
Southern District. } ss:

I, G W Hall, a Baptist Minister, do hereby certify, that on the 7 day of Nov, A. D. 1901, I did duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand, this 7 day of Nov, A. D. 1901.

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court, Indian Territory, Southern District, at Ardmore, Book 4, Page 76

NOTE—The person officiating should fill in the spaces for book and page and sign here.

G W Hall Berwyn I. T.
a Pastor of Baptist Church

NOTE (a)—This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory, at Ardmore, within sixty days from the date hereof, or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars ($100.)

NOTE (b)—No person is authorized to perform the Marriage Ceremony in the Southern District, unless the proper credentials have first been recorded in the Clerk's office.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for enrollment as a Citizen of the Choctaw Nation, of Theodore Roosevelt Roberts, 17-N B#55.

United States of America, Ind. Ter.
Southern District.

I, Samantha Roberts, on oath state that I am twenty years of age and a Freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; That I am the lawful wife of George Roberts, who is a Freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that I have only one child for whom I have ever made application for enrollment as a Citizen of Choctaw Nation, and that said child is named Theodore Roosevelt Roberts and was born on the 16th day of November, 1904.

Samantha Roberts.

Andrew J. Girderline

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of January, 1907.

Andrew Girderline
Notary Public.

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IN RE
Application for Enrollment of
INFANT CHILD
Roosevelt Roberts
as a citizen of
Choctaw Freedman Nation.

Approved 190

..... *Commissioner.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Roosevelt Roberts (Here insert name of child.), born on the 16 day of Nov. 1904

Name of Father: George Robert a Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Samantha Roberts a Freedman of the Chickasaw Nation.

Postoffice Berwyn I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Southern DISTRICT.

I, Samantha Robert, on oath state that I am 19 years of age and a ~~citizen~~ Freedman by blood, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of George Roberts, who is a Freedman, by blood, of the Choctaw Nation; that a male (Male or Female.) child was born to me on 16 day of November, 1904, that said child has been named Roosevelt, and was living March 4, 1905.

Samantha Roberts

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of April, 1905.

Jno. W. Massey
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Southern DISTRICT.

I, Rachel Johnson, a Mid Wife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. ~~Samantha Roberts~~, wife of George Roberts on the 16 day of November, 1904, that there was born to her on said date a male (Male or Female.) child; that said child was living March 4, 1905, and is said to have been named Roosevelt

Rachel X Johnson
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

T. W. Massey

(Must be Two Witnesses.) H. W. Massey

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of April, 1905.

Jno. W. Massey
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Theodore Roberts

as a ~~citizen~~ freedman of

Choctaw (Mississippi) Nation.

Approved ..... 190...

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation,

of Theodon [Here insert name of child], born on the 16 day of Nov. 1905

Name of Father: George Roberts a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Samantha Roberts a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father George Roberts Tribal enrollment of mother Samantha Brown

Postoffice Ravia, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Southern District. }

I, Samantha Roberts, on oath state that I am 21 years of age and a citizen by Freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of George Roberts, who is a citizen, by Freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; that a male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 16 day of Nov. 1905; that said child has been named Theodon Roberts and was living March 4, 1906.

Samantha Roberts.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] .....

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of July 1906.

D Cleaver

Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Southern District. }

I, Rachel Johnson, a mid wife, on oath state that I attended on ~~Samantha Roberts~~, wife of ~~Geo. Roberts~~ on the 16 day of Nov. 1905; that there was born to her on said date a [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Theodon Robert

Rachel X Johnson
her
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

F W Ficker

[Must be Two witnesses] .....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of July 1906.

D Cleaver

Notary Public.

{ 617 N.B. #55 }

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Theodore Roosevelt Potts.

as a citizen of

Choctaw **Nation.**

Approved ..... **190...**

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Commissioner.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Theodore Roosevelt Roberts, born on the 16th day of November, 1904
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: George Roberts a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Samantha Roberts a citizen of the ..... Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Ravia I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Southern District.

I, Samantha Roberts, on oath state that I am 20 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of George Roberts, who is a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a male child was born to me on 16th day of November 1904 that said child has been named Theodore Roosevelt Roberts and was living March 4, 1906.
[Male or Female]

Samantha Roberts.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Andrew J. Gardenhire
[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of Jany 1907

Andrew J. Gardenhire
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Southern District.

I, Rachel Johnson, a mid-wife, on oath state that I attended on Samantha Roberts, wife of, George Roberts on the 16th day of Nov. 1904 that there was born to her on said date a male child; ~~that~~ said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Theodore Roosevelt Roberts
[Male or Female]

her
Rachel + Johnson
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Andrew J. Gardenhire
[Must be Two Witnesses]

Henry Tarlar
Nora Johnson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of Jany 1907

Notary Public.

Choctaw Freedman
1172.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 19, 1905.

George Roberts,

Berwyn, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Samantha Roberts and Rachel Johnston to the birth of Roosevelt Roberts, son of George and Samantha Roberts, November 16, 1904.

It appears from the affidavits that both George and Samantha Roberts are freedmen, and you are advised that under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 3, 1905, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes is authorized for a period of sixty days from that date to receive applications for the enrollment of children born to enrolled citizens by blood of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations prior to March 4, 1905.

You will therefore see that the Commission is without authority to enroll your child.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17-1172.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 4, 1905.

George Roberts,

Berwyn, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of affidavits of Samantha Roberts and Rachell Johnson to the birth of Theodore Roberts, child of George and Samantah Roberts, November 16, 1905.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17 NB 56.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 13, 1906.

George Roberts,

Berwyn, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for t he enrollment of your child, Roosevelt Roberts, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not he was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore forwarded do not determine that fact.

It will also be necessary that you furnish this office with evidence of your marriageto Samantha Roberts, the mother of this child. The best evidence of which will be the original or certified copy of your marriage license and certificate.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in

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order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

17 MB 285.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 22, 1906.

George Roberts,

Berwyn, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for enrollment of your child, Theodore Roberts, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with evidence of your marriage to Samantha Roberts, the mother of this child and the best evidence of this marriage will be the original or a certified copy of your marriage license and certificate.

You should give this matter your immediate attention as no further action can be taken relative to the application for enrollment of this child until this evidence has been received.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 56
Mary Elizabeth Smith

M. Fr. 56

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MINOR

MINOR ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Mary Elizabeth Smith

GRANTED Feb 15 1907

Copy of Decision Forwarded Applicant Feb 15 1907

Copy of Decision Forwarded Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. Feb 15 1907

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of

Mary Elizabeth Smith
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

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as a citizen of

..... Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

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Commissioner.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Chactaw Nation,

of Mary Elizabeth Smith [Here insert name of child], born on the 5th day of Nov 1902

Name of Father: Henry Smith a citizen of the Chactaw Freedman Nation.

Name of Mother: Mrs Lillie Smith a citizen of the Chickasaw Freedman Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Chactaw Tribal enrollment of mother Chickasaw

Postoffice Ardmore I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Mrs Lillie Smith on oath state that I am 27 years of age and a citizen by Freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Henry Smith, who is a citizen, by Freedman of the Chactaw Nation; that a Female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 5th day of Nov 1902; that said child has been named Mary Elizabeth, and was living March 4, 1906

Lillie Smith

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { J E Lee Williams
Mary Thompson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of January 1907

Richard Thalen
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Lizzie Williams & Mary Thompson on oath state that I attended on Lillie Smith, wife of Henry Smith on the 5th day of Nov 1902; that there was born to her on said date a Female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Mary Elizabeth

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] { Lizzie o williams
Mary Thompson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of January 1907

Richard Thalen
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

.....

as a citizen of

..... Nation.

Approved..... 190...

.....

Commissioner.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Mary Elizabeth Smith, born on the 5th day of November 1902
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: Henry Smith a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Lillie Smith a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice now Ardmore, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Lillie Smith, on oath state that I am 27 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Henry Smith, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that a female child was
[Male or Female]
born to me on 5th day of November 1902 that said child has been named Mary Elizabeth Smith and was living March 4, 1906,

Lillie Smith

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] .....

.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of January 1907.

Richard Shanafelt
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
..... District. }

I, ..., a....., on oath state that I attended on ....., wife of ..... on the .....day of ....., 1....; that there was born to her on said date a.....
[Male or Female]
child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named .....

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WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] .....

.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this.....day of..... 1906.

.....
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Mary Elizabeth Smith

as a citizen of the

_____ *Nation.*

Approved _____ *190* __

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation,

of Mary Elizabeth (Here insert name of child), born on the 5th day of November, 1902

Name of Father: Henry Smith, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Lily Smith, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Post-Office: Phillips, Ind Terr.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central Juducial District.

I, Lily Smith, on oath state that I am 22 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Henry Smith, who is a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, that a female (Male or female) child was born to me on the 5th day of November 1902; that said child has been named Mary Elizabeth, and is now living.

+ Lily Smith

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th *day of* December *1902.*

John Kemp
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central Judicial District.

I, Leah Diggs, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Lily Smith, wife of Henry Smith, on the 5th day of November, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a female (Male or female.) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Mary Elizabeth

+ Leah Diggs

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th *day of* December *1902.*

John Kemp
Notary Public.

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W.A.B.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Mary Elizabeth Smith as a Choctaw freedman.

D E C I S I O N.

It appears from the record herein that application was duly made to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of Mary Elizabeth Smith as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, (34 Stats., 137).

It further appears from the record herein and from the records of this office that the applicant was born November 5, 1902, was living on March 4, 1906, and is the daughter of Lillie Smith whose name appears opposite No. 4712 upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior June 28, 1904, and Henry Smith whose name appears opposite No. 4711 upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior June 28, 1904.

I am of the opinion that Mary Elizabeth Smith should be enrolled as a Choctaw freedman under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, (34 Stats., 137), as amended by the provisions of the Act of June 21, 1906, (34 Stats., 325) and it is so ordered.

Commisioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,
FEB 15 1907

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 15, 1907.

Henry Smith,

Ardmore, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 15, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of Mary Elizabeth Smith as a Choctaw freedman.

You are hereby advised that the name of Mary ElizabethnSmith, will be placed upon the next schedule of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval. You will be notified of Department action thereon.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Incl. 17-MB-56.

Registered.

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 15, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw & Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:-

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 15, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of Mary Elizabeth Smith as a Choctaw freedman.

You are hereby advised that the name of Mary Elizabeth Smith will be placed upon the next schedule of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval. You will be notified of Department action thereon.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.
Incl. 17-NB-56.

19-1424.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 30, 1903.

Henry Smith,

Phillips, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Chickasaw Freedman of Mary Elizabeth Smith, infant daughter of Henry and Lillie Smith, born November 5, 1903.

You are advised that the Commission is without authority to enroll this child, it appearing that it was born November 5, 1903, subsequent to the date of the ratification on September 25, 1903, of the act of Congress approved July 1, 1903.

Section twenty-eight thereof is as follows:

"The names of all persons living on the date of the final ratification of this agreement entitled to be enrolled as provided in section 27 hereof shall be placed upon the rolls made by said Commission; and no child born thereafter to a citizen or freedman and no person intermarried thereafter to a citizen shall be entitled to enrollment or to participate in the distribution of the tribal property of the Choctaws and Chickasaws."

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

Choctaw Freedmen
1424.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 1, 1904.

Henry Smith,

Phillips, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of June 23, relative to the approval of your enrollment. You also ask relative to the right to enrollment of children born since September 25, 1902.

In reply to your letter, you are informed that Henry Smith, his wife, Lillie Smith, and their children, Ernest and Earl Smith, have been enrolled by the Commission as Choctaw Freedmen and their names placed upon a schedule of the freedmen of said nation prepared and forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior. The Commission has not, however, been informed of Departmental action thereon.

Replying to that portion of your letter in which you ask concerning the rights of children born subsequent to September 25, 1902, your attention is invited to the following provision of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, which was ratified by the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations on September 25, 1902.

"The names of all persons living on the date of the final ratification of this agreement entitled to be enrolled as provided in section 27 hereof shall be placed upon the rolls made by said Commission; and no child born thereafter to a citizen or freedman and no person intermarried thereafter to a citizen shall be entitled to enrollment or to participate in the distribution of the tribal property of the Choctaws and Chickasaws."

Respectfully,

17 NB 66.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 13, 1906.

Henry Smith,

Phillips, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Mary Elizabeth Smith, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not she was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore forwarded do not determine that fact.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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17-NB-56

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 29, 1907.

Lillie Smith,

Ardmore, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your minor child, Mary Elizabeth Smith, as a Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with evidence of your marriage to Henry Smith, the father of the child and the best evidence of this marriage will be the original or a certified copy of your marriage license and certificate.

You are requested to procure this evidence at once and forward the same promptly so that it will reach this office prior to February 3, 1907.

This matter should receive your most prompt attention and your neglect or failure to furnish the required proof in time may deprive your child of such rights to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, as she may have.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-NB-56

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 2, 1907.

Henry Smith,

Ardmore, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Lillie Smith and Joint affidavit of Lizzie Williams and Mary Thompson to the birth of Mary Elizabeth Smith, child of Henry and Lillie Smith, November 5, 1902, and the same have been filed in the matter of the enrollment of said child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-NB-356

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 2, 1907.

Lillie Smith,

Ardmore, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your minor child, Mary Elizabeth Smith, as a Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that the birth affidavits received at this office January 30, 1907, had not been properly executed, and that it will be necessary for you to procure new affidavits and forward same to this office at once.

The affidavit of the mother, Lillie Smith, states that she is a Chickasaw freedman, inasmuch as the name of this person appears on the final roll of Choctaw freedmen, the new affidavit should be made out accordingly.

The joint affidavit of Lizzie Williams and Mary Thompson to the birth of Mary Elizabeth Smith has not been signed by either one of them and furthermore it fails to state whether or not they are disinterested persons.

There is enclosed herewith new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at

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once and your neglect or failure to furnish the required proof in time may deprive your child of such rights to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, as she may have.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

Choc. M. Fr. 57

Jesse Lee Blunt

M. Fr. 57

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MINOR ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Jesse Lee Blunt

DISMISSED Jan 23 1907

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,
CHOCTAW LAND OFFICE.

Atoka, Indian Territory, December 31, 1906.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR THE ENROLLMENT
of Jesse Lee Blunt as a Choctaw Freedman.

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MINERVA BLUNT, being duly sworn, testifies as follows:

By the Commissioner:

Q What is your name? A Minerva Blunt.
Q How old are you? A Forty.
Q What is your post office address? A Hugo, Indian Territory.
Q Is Henry Blunt your son? A Yes, sir.
Q Did he receive a letter from the Acting Commissioner under date of December 24, 1906, acknowledging the receipt of the affidavits of W. R. Askew and Mattie Blunt to the birth of Jesse Lee Blunt on May 16, 1906? A Yes, sir.
Q Is this the letter (indicating)? A Yes, sir.

A copy of the original letter from the Acting Commissioner Wm. O. Beall, under date of December 24, 1906, which is marked "Exhibit A" and made a part of the recordin the matter of the Application for the enrollment of Sammie Blunt as a Choctaw Freedman, is marked "Exhibit A" in this application, and made a part of the record hereof.

Q What kin are you to Jesse Lee Blunt? A Grandmother.
Q Is Jesse Lee Blunt now living? A Yes, sir.
Q What is the name of his father? A I don't know.
Q What is the name of his mother? A Mattie Blunt.
Q Is Mattis Blunt your daughter? A Yes, sir.
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.
Q Is she a Choctaw Freedman? A Yes, sir.
Q What is the name of the father of Mattie Blunt? A Clay Blunt.
Q Is he now living? A Yes, sir.
Q He is a non-citizen? A Yes, sir.

The name of Mattie Blunt appears opposite No. 4394 on the approved roll of Choctaw Freedmen and on Choctaw Freedman Field Card No. 1322, at No. 4 thereon.

Q Is Mattie Blunt married? A No, sir.
Q This child, Jesse Lee Blunt, then, is illegitimate?
A Yes, sir.
Q Who was the physician in attendance at the date of the birth of Jesse Lee Blunt? A Dr. Askew.
Q Did W. R. Askew and Mattie Blunt sign and execute affidavits in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Jesse Lee

Blunt as a Choctaw Freedman and send them to Muskogee? A Yes, sir; Mr. Yates sent them off.

Q They signed and executed these affidavits before T. W. Yates, a notary public? A Yes, sir.

Q Do you know whether, or not, this notary public sent these affidavits to Muskogee? A He said he did.

Q Do you know when these affidavits were sent to Muskogee? A In July.

Q You don't know what day of the month in July? A No, sir.

Q That was in July of this year? A Yes, sir; this year.

Q Do you know why your dauther, Mattie Blunt, didn't come here today and give testimony in the matter of the enrollment of her child, Jesse Lee Blunt? A She was sick.

It appears from a copy of the letter from Acting Commissioner Wm. O. Beall, under date of December 24, 1906, that the Commissioner received the affidavits of E. R. Askew aand Mattie Blunt, date not given, to the birth of Jesse Lee Blunt on May 16, 1906. It appears, however, that the name of Jesse Lee Blunt does not appear upon any of the lists of minor Choctaw Freedmen prepared for use at the Choctaw Land Office in taking testimony prior to January 1, 1907, in the matter of the enrollment of Choctaw New-Borns.

Witness Excused.

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A. L. Irvine, being first duly sworn, states that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes taken in said cause on said date.

A. L. Irvine

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this January 2, 1907.

W. H. August

Notary Public.

Phycian,s Affida..t

United States America
Central District Indian Territory

I,E.R.Askew,on oath state,that I am a practising Physician of Hugo Ind.Ter.m that on the q 16,day of May,1906 I attended Mattie Blunt in her confinement,to whom was born a boy Baby ,said to have been named Jessee Lee Blunt

E. R. Askew

Subscribed and swern to before me this the 27,day of July A.D.,1906

F. M. Slater
Notary

Com. Exp. Aug. 2, 1907

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In the Matter of the Birth

OF

Jessee Lee Blount

Choc Frd

CHOCTAW COMMISSION NO. ____

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

It appearing from the within affidavits that the applicant, Jessee Lee Blunt, was born subsequent to March 4, 1906, I am of the opinion that under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April, 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), I am without authority to receive, consider or make any record of any application for the enrollment of the said Jessee Lee Blunt as a Choctaw freedman and therefore I should decline to receive the same, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

NB # 57.

JAN 23 1907

Dec 20-1906.

~~DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,~~
~~COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.~~

~~It appearing from the within affidavits that the applicant, Jessee Lee Blunt, was born subsequent to March 4, 1906, I am of the opinion that under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April, 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), I am without authority to receive, consider or make any record of any application for the enrollment of the said Jessee Lee Blunt as a Choctaw freedman and therefore I should decline to receive the same, and it is so ordered.~~

~~Commissioner.~~

~~Muskogee, Indian Territory.~~

New Born Affidavit. No.

CHOCTAW : ENROLLING : COMMISSION.

In the Matter of the Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Freedmen Chickasaw Nation, of Jessie Lee Blunt

born on the 14 day of May 1906

Name of father _____ a citizen of _____

Nation; Final Enrollment No. _____

Name of mother Mattie Blunt a citizen of Freedmen ~~Choctaw~~ Chickasaw

Nation; Final Enrollment No. _____

Postoffice Hugo

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Central DISTRICT

I, Mattie Blunt, on oath state that I am 17 years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Freedmen Chickasaw Nation, and as such have been placed upon the final roll of the Chickasaw Nation, by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior my final enrollment number being _____; that ~~I am the lawful wife of~~ _____, who is a ~~citizen of the~~ _____ Nation and as such has been placed upon the final roll of said Nation by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, his final enrollment number being _____ and that a male (MALE OR FEMALE.) child was born to me on the 14 day of May 1906; that said child has been named Jessie Lee Blunt, and is now living.

WITNESSETH: Mattie Blunt

Must be two Witnesses who ~~are Citizens.~~

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of July 1906

F. W. Yates
Notary Public.

My commission expires April 22/1907

In Re - Application
for the enrollment of
Jesse Lee Blunt as a
Choctaw Freedman.

Exhibit A

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES
CHOCTAW LAND OFFICE.
FILED
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COMMISSIONER.

((COPY))

17-1322 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 24, 1906.

Henry Blunt,

Hugo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Velton Blunt to the birth of Sammie Blunt, child of Henry and Velton Blunt, July 22, 1905; also affidavits of Minerva Blunt and Tobitha Rice to the birth of Tobitha Blunt, child of Mabe and Minerva Blunt, June 2, 1904; affidavits of T. R. Askew and Mattie Blunt to the birth of Jesse Lee Blunt, May 16, 1906.

You are advised that the time within which applications could be received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of minor children under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expired July 25, 1906.

It has recently been held by the Department that the minor children of Choctaw freedmen who were living on March 4, 1906, are entitled to enrollment provided application was made within the time prescribed by law, or prior to July 25, 1906.

If it is claimed that such applications were made for the enrollment of Choctaw freedmen children prior to July 25, 1906, the parents should appear before the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka, Indian Territory, any time prior to January 1, 1907, for the purpose of presenting testimony relative to the submission of such applications within the required time.

Respectfully,

Wm. O. BEALL,
Acting Commissioner.

17-NB-57

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 23, 1907.

Minerva Blunt,

Hugo, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

You are hereby advised that it appearing from the affidavits heretofore forwarded to the birth of your minor child, Jesse Lee Blunt, that he was born subsequent to March 4, 1906, the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, on January 23, 1907, declined to receive the application for his enrollment as a minor Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 58

Robert Walker Thomas

M. Fr. 58

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MINOR ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Robert Walker Thomas

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Robert Walker Thomas

as a citizen of the

Choctaw Nation.

Approved 190

Commissioner.

Born Aug 3 1901

Recd

OCT 13 1904

mother is Malinda Haley. 4109

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CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Robert Walker Thomas, born on the 3rd day of August, 1901.
(Here insert name of child)
Name of Father: William Thomas, a citizen of the United States Nation.
Name of Mother: Malinda Thomas, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Post-Office: Shawneetown I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Malinda Thomas, on oath state that I am 21 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of William Thomas, who is a citizen, by ~~birth~~, of the United States Nation, that a Male (Male or female) child was born to me on the 3rd day of August 1901; that said child has been named Robert Walker Thomas and is now living.

Malinda F. Thomas.

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of September 1902

Jas. Dawson
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Ann Phillips, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Malinda Thomas, wife of William Thomas, on the 3rd day of August, 1901; that there was born to her on said date a Male (Male or female) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Robert Walker Thomas

Ann her X mark Phillips

WITNESSES TO MARK.
(Must be Two Witnesses)
J. Menkins.
Rev Choplin

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of September 1902

J. Menkins
Notary Public.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Robert Walker Thomas [Here insert name of child] born on the 3rd day of August 1901

Name of Father: William Thomas a ~~citizen of the~~ Non Citizen Nation

Name of Mother: Malinda Thomas, formerly Haley Freedmen a ~~citizen~~ of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Shawneetown I.T. % Johnnie Frazier

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Rebecca Lawson, on oath state that I am 40 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am acquainted with Malinda Thomas formerly Haley, the lawful wife of William Thomas, who is a citizen, by Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to ~~me~~ Malinda Thomas on the 3rd day of August 1901; that said child has been named Robert Walker Thomas and was living March 4, 1906.

Rebecca Her X Lawson
Mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
W.W. Mathis
[Must be Two Witnesses] Frank L. Dobbs

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of January 1907

W.W. Mathis
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Andrew McAfee, ~~a~~ on oath state that I ~~attended on~~ am acquainted with Malinda Thomas, wife of William Thomas, and know that on the 3rd day of Aug. 1901; that there was born to her on said date a Male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Robert ~~Thomas~~ Walker Thomas.

Andrew His X McAfee
Mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
W.W. Mathis
[Must be Two Witnesses] Frank L. Dobbs

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of Jany 1907

W.W. Mathis
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Robert Walker Thomas
Freedman

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved FEB 9 1907 190...

Commissioner.

Date of Birth
Aug 3. 1901

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original application received April 26 1906.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as ~~a citizen~~ of the Freedmen Choctaw Nation,

of Robert Walker Thomas, born on the 3rd day of Aug 1901
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: William Thomas a ~~citizen of the~~ Non Citizen ~~Nation.~~

Name of Mother Malinda Thomas formerly Haley ~~citizen~~ of the Freedmen Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Shawneetown I.T. care Johnnie Frazier

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Johnnie Frazier, on oath state that I am 28 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of William Thomas, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ Non Citizen ~~of the Nation~~; that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to ~~me~~ Malinda Thomas on the 3rd day of August 1901; that said child has been named Robert Walker Thomas and was living March 4, 1906.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] Johnnie Frazier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of Janiy 1907

W M Martin
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Judson Lawson, ~~a~~ on oath state that I ~~attended on~~ am acquainted with Malinda Thomas formerly Haley wife of William Thomas, & know that on the 3rd day of Aug 1901; that there was born to her on said date a Male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Robert Walker Thomas

his
Judson + Lawson
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] W M Martin
Frank L Cobble

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of January 1907

W M Martin
Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 13, 1906.

William Thomas,

Shawneetown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Robert Walker Thomas, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not he was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

It appears from the evidence in the possession of this office that the affidavit of Ann Phillips, the mid-wife, is defective in form, the venue of the affidavit is executed for the Central District of the Indian Territory, while the seal of the Notary Public before whom the affidavit was sworn to shows that it was executed in Pulaski County, Arkansas. In having the new affidavits executed be careful that this error be corrected.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have

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properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

Choc. M. Fr. 59
George Williams

M. Fr. 59

MINOR 59

MINOR ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

George Williams

GRANTED Feb 23 1907

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N-B59 IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Georgi Williams

as a citizen of the

Choctaw Nation.

Approved _____ 190_

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Georgi Williams (Here insert name of child.), born on the 18 day of Nov, 1902
Name of Father: Geo Williams, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Name of Mother: Pheby Williams, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Post-Office: Tuskahoma Ind Ter

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Pheby Williams, on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Geo Williams, who is a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, that a Female (Male or female) child was born to me on the 18 day of Nov 1902; that said child has been named Georgi Williams, and is now living.

Pheby Williams

WITNESSES TO MARK: [redacted]
(Must be Two Witnesses.) [redacted]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of Dec 1902

Thomas Fennell
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Edy williams, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Pheby williams, wife of Geo Williams, on the 18 day of Nov, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a Female (Male or female.) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Georgi Williams.

her
Edy x williams
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.) Aaron Radford
Margret Radford

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of Dec 1902.

Thomas Fennell
Notary Public.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Georgia Williams [Here insert name of child] born on the 18 day of Nov. 1902

Name of Father: George Williams a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Phoby Williams a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Chickasaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Fort Towson, I T

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Phoby Williams, on oath state that I am 27 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of George Williams, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 18th day of November 1902 that said child has been named Georgia Williams and was living March 4, 1906.

Phoby Williams

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of January 1907.

W M Watson

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Eda Williams, a mid-wife, on oath state that I attended on Phoby Williams wife of George Williams on the 18th day of Nov. 1902 that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Georgia Williams

her
Eda x Williams
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

W M Watson
Frank Fox Ogle

[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of Jan. 1907.

W M Watson

Notary Public.

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S.E.F.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Georgie Williams as a Choctaw freedman.

-: D E C I S I O N :-

It appears from the record herein that application was made for the enrollment of Georgie Williams as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137).

It further appears from the record herein and from the records of this office that the said Georgie Williams was born November 18, 1902; that she is the daughter of George Williams whose name appears oppositeNo. 496 upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior March 6, 1903, and Pheby Williams whose name appears as Phoebe Williams opposite No. 4051 upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior March 30, 1904, and that said applicant was living March 4, 1906.

I am of the opinion that Georgie Williams should be enrolled as a Choctaw freedman under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), as amended by the Act of Congress approved June 21, 1906 (34 Stats., 325), and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 23, 1907.

George Williams,

Fort Towson, IndianTerritory.

Dear Sir:-

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 18, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of Georgie Williams as a Choctaw freedman.

You are hereby advised that the name of Georgie Williams will be placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval. You will be notified of Departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.
Incl. 17-MB-59

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 23, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:-

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 18, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of Georgie Williams as a Choctaw freedman.

You are hereby advised that the name of Georgie Williams will be placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval. You will be notified of Departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.
Incl. 17-MB-59

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 13, 1906.

George Williams,

Doaksville, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Georgia Williams, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not she was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 4, 1907.

George Williams,

Fort Towson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Georgie Williams, as a Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress ap roved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary for you to furnish this office with evidence of your marriage to Pheby Williams, the mother of this child, and the best evidence will be the original or a certified copy of the marriage license and certificate.

You should give this matter your most prompt attention and your neglect or failure to furnsih the required proof in time may deprive your child of such rights to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, as she may have.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 60

Sam E. Williams

Corrine Williams

M. Fr. 60

MINOR ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Sam E. Williams
Corrine Williams

No. 2 Granted Feb. 27, 1907
Under Act June 28 1898, July 1, 1902

Transferred Choctaw Freedman Car No. 1478

No. 1 Refused Feb 28 1907
Action Approved by Secretary of Interior
Mar. 4 1907

Notice of Departmental Action forwarded
Attorney for Choctaw and Chickasaw
Nations Apr 8, 1907

Notice of Departmental Action Mailed
Applicant Apr. 8, 1907

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Freedman Chickasaw Nation,

of Sam E. Williams [Here insert name of child], born on the 25 day of February 1904

Name of Father: Charles L Williams a citizen of the Chickasaw Freedman Nation.

Name of Mother: Emma Williams a citizen of the U. S. Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father..... Tribal enrollment of mother.....

Postoffice Caney, Ind. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Emma L. Williams, on oath state that I am 25 years of age and a citizen by ------ of the United States Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Charles Williams, who is a citizen, by Freedman, of the Chickasaw Nation; that a male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 25 day of February 1904; that said child has been named Sam E. Williams, and was living March 4, 1906.

Emma L. Williams

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] .....

.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of April 1905.

A. Denton Phillips
Notary Public.

(SEAL)

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Betty Guess, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Emma Williams, wife of Charles Williams on the 25 day of February 1904 that there was born to her on said date a male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Sam E. Williams.

Bettie Guess

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] .....

.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of April 1905.

A. Denton Phillips
Notary Public.

SEAL

17 NB 60

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 13, 1906.

Charles Williams,

Caney, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your children, Sam E. Williams and Corrinne Williams, as minor Choctaw freedmen under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of your children showing whether or not they were living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

It will be also necessary for you to furnish this office with evidence of your marriage to Emma Williams, the mother of these children. The best evidence of which will be the original or certified copy of your marriage license andcertificate.

It appears from the affidavits in the possession of this office that the Notary Public before whom they were sworn to has failed to affix his name or fill in the jurat in one instance.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is herewith inclosed new blanks which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of these children.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Sam E. Williams as a Choctaw freedman.

D E C I S I O N.

It appears from the record herein that application was duly made to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of Sam E. Williams as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137).

It further appears from the record herein that the applicant was born February 25, 1904, was living on March 4, 1905, and is the son of Emma L. Williams, a non-citizen.

It is alleged that the applicant is the legitimate son of Charles Williams, whose name appears as Charlie Williams opposite No. 5068 upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior July 20, 1905.

Although ample opportunity has been afforded the parents of said applicant to show that the latter was living on March 4, 1906, and that he is their legitimate child, they have failed to do so.

I am of the opinion that the application for the enrollment of Sam E. Williams as a Choctaw freedman should be denied under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 28, 1907.

Charles Williams,

Caney, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 28, 1907, denying the application for the enrollment of Sam E. Williams as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.
Incl. 17-NB-60.

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 28, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw & Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 28, 1907, denying the application for the enrollment of Sam H. Williams as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Incl. 17-NB-60.

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 28, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Sam H. Williams as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 28, 1907, denying said application.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

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Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

J.F Jr.
RJH.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON.

March 4, 1907.

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L.R.S.

DIRECT.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

The Department has this day affirmed your decisions, adverse to the applicants, in the following citizenship cases, received with your reports of February 28, 1907, viz:

Joanna Barber, et al., Cherokee by blood,
Ada Crittenden, Chickasaw freedman,
Mable Harrison, Chickasaw freedman,
Sam H.Williams, Choctaw freedman,
Robert Butler, Choctaw freedman,
Sallie Fields, Choctaw freedman,
Willie Harper, Cherokee freedman,
Grant Feather, Cherokee,
James Christie, Cherokee by blood,

The Department has also denied a motion to reopen and reconsider the Cherokee enrollment case of Polly Johnson, et al, and a motion to reopen the Cherokee enrollment case of D. C. Bays, received with your reports of February 26, 1907.

A copy of Indian Office letter of March 2, 1907 (Land 21697, etc.), submitting your reports, is inclosed.

The papers in the case have been sent to the Indian Office with a carbon copy hereof.

Respectfully,
(Signed) E. A. Hitchcock,
Secretary.

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for Ind. Off.

W. C. P. 3/8/07.

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References in
body of letter.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON. March 2, 1907.

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There are forwarded herewith several reports of Commissioner Bixby, transmitting the records in certain citizenship cases, together with the decisions of the Commissioner, denying the applications of the persons involved in each case, as follows:

CHEROKEES BY BLOOD.

21697. Joanna Barber, et al.,
21693. D. C. Bays.
21694. James Christie.
21696. Grant Feather.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

21695. Willie Harper.

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN.

21691. Sallie Fields.
21660. Robert Butler.
21688. Sam K. Williams.

CHICKASAW FREEDMAN.

21689. Mable Harrison.

The Office has examined the record in each of the above cases, and finds the conclusions of the Commissioner to be correct, and his decisions denying the applications for the enrollment of the above named persons are recommended for approval.

The following motions to reopen are also forwarded herewith, with the recommendation that they be denied:

21687. Ada Critten as a Chickasaw freedman.

21692. Polly Johnson as a Cherokee by blood.

Very respectfully,

C. F. LARRABEE,

Acting Commissioner.

AJW:TM.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 8, 1907.

Charles Williams,

Caney, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on March 4, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of February28, 1907, denying the application for the enrollment of Sam K. illiams as a Chickasaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rodgers.

Acting Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 8, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that on March 4, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of February 28, 1907, denying the application for the enrollment of Sam E. Williams as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rodgers.

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 5, 1907.

Charles Williams,

Caney, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 17, 1907, stating that if our letter to you of December 13, 1907 was intended for your wife that we have the names of your children wrong as their names are Burtha, Arburta and Sarah Williams, and you wish to be advised relative to this matter.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the letter from this office under date of December 13, 1907, was addressed to one whose children were Sam and Corrine Williams, and these are the only children of Charley and Emma Williams which are identified upon the records of this office.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Caney, Ind. T. Feb 10/ 1907

Department of the interior

Muskogee, Ind. T.

Dear Sir:-

In reply yours in regard to the name of my children which was sent in to be placed on record Dec. 13, 1907,

Was sent in rong the only children that the name of belonging to Emma Williams are as follows-

Burtha and Arburta Williams these are the correct names of Emma and Charlie Williams children.

Yours Chas. Williams.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 18, 1907.

Belle Francis,

Caney, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of March 8, 1907, in which you ask if a registered letter in your office addressed to Charles Williams is intended for a negro of about middle age named Charles Williams who receives mail at your office or if it is intended for some other person.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the letter referred to notified Charles Williams, father of Sam E. and Corinne Williams, of the action taken relative to the enrollment of said children as Choctaw freedmen.

The applications for the enrollment of these children gave the post office addresses of the parents as Caney, Indian Territory, which is the last post office address as given by the records of this office, but recent investigation has shown that the Charles Williams who now resides at or near Caney, Indian Territory, is not the father of the children above referred to and

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you may return the letter referred to to this office.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Tleoda Williams

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M. Fr. 61

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MINOR

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Tleeda Williams

GRANTED Feb 16 1907

Transferred to Choctaw Freedman card # 1407

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George Dervey Olds

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MINOR

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ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

George Dervey Olds

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

George Dewey Olds

as a citizen of the

Choctaw *Nation.*

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Commissioner.

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MAY 1903

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Geo. Dewey Olds, (Here insert name of child) born on the 9 day of Dec, 1901
Name of Father: Ed Olds, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Name of Mother: Patsy Olds, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Post-Office: Hugo I T

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Patsy Olds, on oath state that I am about 28 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Ed Olds, who is a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, that a Male (Male or female) child was born to me on the 9 day of Dec, 1901; that said child has been named Geo. Dewey Olds, and is now living.

her
Patsy X Olds
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK
(Must be Two Witnesses)
W P Christian
Andy Campbell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of April, 1903.

W O Durbaugh
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Ed Olds, a [illegible], on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Patsy Olds, wife of Ed Olds, on the 9 day of Dec, 1901; that there was born to her on said date a Male (Male or female) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Geo. Dewey Olds.

his
Ed X Olds
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK
(Must be Two Witnesses)
W P Christian
Andy Campbell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of April, 1903.

W O Durbaugh
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Geo Leroy Olds

as a citizen of Cherokee

Nation.

Approved FEB 9 1907 190...

Commissioner.

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Original application received Apl 26 1906.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation,

of George Henry Olds, born on the 9th day of September 1900.
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: Ed Olds a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Patsy Olds a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father. Tribal enrollment of mother.

Postoffice Hugo, Indian Territory.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Patsy Olds on oath state that I am about 35 years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Ed Olds, who is a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male child was born to me on 9th day of September 1900; that said child has been named George Henry Olds, and was living March 4, 1906.
[Male or Female]

her
Patsy + Olds
mark.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses]
S. O. Hendrix
John Daniels

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of January 1907.

R. E. Lowe
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
District.

I, , a , on oath state that I attended on , wife of on the day of 1 ; that there was born to her on said date a
[Male or Female]
child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of 1906.

Notary Public.

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United States Of America,
Indian Territory,
Central Judicial District,SS:-

I,Willie Harris,on oath state that I am Forty-five years old, and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation,that my post office address is Hugo,Indian Territory; that I am not of kin to George Dewey Olds,who is an applicant for enrollment as a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation,neither have I any interest in said application,and I further state that the said George Dewey Olds,was born about the 9th, day of September,1900,and that he is now and was living on the 4th,day of March,1906, and that his fathers name is Ed Olds,and His mothers name is Patsey Olds.

Willie Harris

In Presence Of.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th,day of January,1907.

R.E.Ramsey
Notary Public.

My commission expires,12/14/1907.

United States Of America,
Indian Territory,
Central Judicial District,SS:-

I,Francis Harris,on oath state that I am Forty years of age,and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation,that my post office is Hugo, Indian Territory;that I am not of Kin to George Dewey Olds,who is an applicant for enrollment by adoption of the Choctaw Nation,neither have I any interest in said application,and I further state that the said George Dewey Olds,was born about the 9th,day of September,1900,and that he is now,and was living on the 4th,day of March,1906,and that his fathers name is Ed Olds,and his mothers name is Patsey Olds.

In Presence Of.

her
Francis + Harris
mark

R.E.Ramsey
S.O.Hendricks
John Daniels

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 12th,day of January,1907.

R.E.Ramsey
Notary Public.

My commission expires,12/14/1907.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 18, 1906.

Ed Olds,
Hugo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, George Dewey Olds, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not he was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

It appears from the evidence in the possession of this office that there was no attending physician or midwife at the birth of this child, you are advised that it will be necessary that you furnish the affidavits of two disinterested persons who know the names of his parents, the date of his birth and whether or not he was living March 4, 1906.

There is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are

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requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

E.C.

17-MB-62

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 23, 1907.

Ed Olds,

Hugo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Patsy Olds, Willie Harris and Francis Harris to the birth of George Dewey Olds, child of Ed and Patsy Olds, September 9, 1900, and the same have been filed in the matter of the enrollment of said child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 63
Sammie Blunt

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ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Sammie Blunt

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ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 20, 1906.

.....Summie Blunt.....

as a citizen of

.....Chickesaw..... Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Chickesaw Nation,

of Sammie Blunt [Here insert name of child], born on the 22 day of July 905.

Name of Father: Henry Blunt a citizen of the Chickesaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Velton Blunt a citizen of the United States. Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Chickesaw Tribal enrollment of mother

Postoffice Hugo, Ind. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Velton Blunt, on oath state that I am 17 years of age and a citizen by , of the Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Henry Blunt, who is a citizen, by Freedman, of the Chickesaw Nation; that a male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 22 day of July 1905; that said child has been named Sammie Plunt and was living March 4, 1906.

Velton Blunt

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { T. W. Yates
Tilitha Rice

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of December 1906.

T. W. Yates
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

(SEAL)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, E. R. Askew M. D., a , on oath state that I attended on Velton Blunt, wife of Henry Blunt on the 22 July day of 1905; that there was born to her on said date a male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Sammie Blunt

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] {

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of December 1906.

(SEAL) T. W. Yates
Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,
CHOCTAW LAND OFFICE.

Atoka, Indian Territory, December 31, 1906.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF
of Sammie Blunt as a Choctaw Freedman.

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MINERVA BLUNT, being duly sworn, testifies as follows:

By the Commissioner:

Q What is your name? A Minerva Blunt.
Q How old are you, Minerva? A Forty.
Q What is your post office? A Hugo, Indian Territory.
Q Are you a Choctaw Freedman? A Yes, sir.
Q Do you appear here to give testimony in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Sammie Blunt as a Choctaw Freedman? A Yes, sir.
Q What kin to you is Henry Blunt? A Son.
Q Did Henry Blunt receive a letter from the Commissioner, dated December 24, 1906, acknowledging the receipt of the affidavits of Velton Blunt to the birth of Sammie Blunt, the child of Henry and Velton Blunt, July 22, 1905, also affidavits of Minerva Blunt and Tabitha Rice to the birth of Tobitha Blunt, child of Nabe and Minerva Blunt, June 2, 1904, and affidavits of W. R. Askew and Mattie Blunt to the birth of Jesse Blunt May 16, 1906? A Yes, sir.
Q Is this the letter you have here,(indicating)? A Yes, sir; that's it.

The letter of the Acting Commissioner, Wm. O. Beall under date of December 24, 1906, to Henry Blunt, of Hugo, Indian Territory, is received, marked "Exhibit A" and made a part of the record.

Q What kin are you to Sammie Blunt? A Grandmother.
Q Is your son, Henry Blunt, the father of Sammie Blunt? A Yes, sir.
Q What is the name of Sammie Blunt's mother? A Velton Blunt.
Q Is Henry Blunt a Choctaw Freedman? A Yes, sir.
Q Is Velton Blunt a citizen? A No, sir; a non-citizen.
Q Were Henry and Velton Blunt legally married? A Yes, sir.
Q Did they have a license and marriage certificate? A Yes, sir.
Q Have you that marriage certificate with you? A No, sir: he has got that at home.
Q Can you send them in to this office? A Yes, sir.
Q How long have Henry and Velton Blunt been married? A Two years,- nearly three,-- in April.
Q Is Sammie Blunt their only child? A Yes, sir.
Q Is Sammie Blunt living? A Yes, sir.
Q What is the name of the father of Henry Blunt? A Clay Blunt.
Q Is Clay Blunt a non-citizen? A Yes, sir.
Q Are you the mother of Henry Blunt? A Yes, sir.

The name of Henry Blunt appears opposite No. 4392 on the approved roll of Choctaw Freedmen and on Choctaw Freedman Field Card No. 1322, at No. 2 thereon.

Q It appears from this letter of the Acting Commissioner to Henry Blunt that there was received at the General Office of the Commissioner, at Muskogee, date not given, the affidavit of Velton Blunt relative to the birth of Sammie Blunt, the child of Henry and Velton Blunt, on July 22, 1905: do you know when the affidavit referred to in this letter was sent to the Commissioner at Muskogee? A No, sir; I can't tell when it was sent.
Q Do you know when this affidavit of Velton Blunt was signed and acknowledged? A No, sir: I coulin't tell that: she wasn't there: I just couldn't tell what day of the month it was.

The name of Sammie Blunt does not appear upon any of the lists furnished the Choctaw Land Office for the purpose of taking testimony in the enrollment of minor Choctaw Freedmen prior to January 1, 1907; it appears, however, from the letter of the Acting Commissioner under date of July 24, 1906,-- which is marked "Exhibit A" hereon and made a part of the record -- that such an affidavit was received by the Commissioner.

Q Why is it neither Henry or Velton Blunt are not here to give testimony today in the matter of the application of Sammie Blunt? A I don't know, sir.

Witness Excused.

A. L. Irvine, being first duly sworn, states that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes taken in said cause on said date.

A. L. Irvine

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this January 2, 1907.

W. H. Angell

Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 24, 1906.

Henry Blunt,

Hugo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Velton Blunt to the birth of Sammie Blunt, child of Henry and Velton Blunt, July 12, 1903; also affidavits of Minerva Blunt and Tobitha Rice to the birth of Tobitha Blunt, child of Mark and Minerva Blunt, June 2, 1904; affidavits of E. R. Askew and Mattie Blunt to the birth of Jesse Lee Blunt, May 16, 1906.

You are advised that the time within which applications could be received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of minor children under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expried July 25, 1906.

It has recently been held by the Department that the minor children of Choctaw freedmen who were living on March 4, 1906, are entitled to enrollment provided application was made within the time prescribed by law, or prior to July 25, 1906.

If it is claimed that such applications were made for the enrollment of Choctaw freedmen children prior to July 25, 1906, the parents should appear before the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka, Indian Territory, any time prior to January 1, 1907 for the purpose of presenting testimony relative to the submission of such applications within the required time.

Respectfully,

Wm O. Beall,
Acting Commissioner.

In Re Application for the enrol-
ment of Sammie Blunt as a
Choctaw Freedman.

EXHIBIT A

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED
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CHOCTAW LAND OFFICE
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Tams Bixby,
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 24, 1906.

Henry Blunt,

Hugo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

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Respectfully,

Wm O. Beall,
Acting Commissioner.

17-NB-63
S.E.F.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the alleged application for the enrollment of Sammie Blunt as a Choctaw freedman.

-: D E C I S I O N :-

It appears from the record herein that on December 20, 1906, there was received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes written application for the enrollment of Sammie Blunt as a Choctaw freedman.

On December 31, 1906, Minerva Blunt, the grandmother of said applicant, appeared before the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes at Atoka, Indian Territory, and gave testimony for the purpose of showing whether or not any application had been made for the enrollment of Sammie Blunt as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stat., 137).

On said date Minerva Blunt testified that Henry Blunt, the father of Sammie Blunt, received a letter from the Commissioner dated December 24, 1906, acknowledging receipt of the affidavit of Velton Blunt to the birth of Sammie Blunt but that she did not know when the said affidavit was executed or sent to the General Office of the Commissioner at Muskogee, Indian Territory.

It further appears from the record herein that Velton Blunt, the mother, and E. R. Askew, the attending physician, executed their respective affidavits on December 17, 1906 and December 18, 1906, to the birth of Sammie Blunt, before one, T. W. Yates a notary public.

It does not appear from the records of this office that any application of any nature whatsoever was ever made for the enrollment of Sammie Blunt as a Choctaw freedman prior to December 20, 1906.

I am therefore of the opinion that the evidence fails to establish that any application was made for the enrollment of Sammie Blunt as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stat., 137), and that I am without authority to receive, consider, or make any record of any application for his enrollment as such and that I should decline to receive the same, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory.
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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 7, 1907.

Henry Blunt,

Hugo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 7, 1907, declining to receive the application for the enrollment of Sammie Blunt as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 7, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

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Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Incl. 17-NB-63

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 7, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior:

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Sammie Blunt as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 7, 1907, declining to receive said application.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby
Commissioner.

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Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON. March 4, 1907.

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DIRECT.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Your decisions in the following Choctaw enrollment cases adverse to the applicants are hereby affirmed, viz:

Title of Case.	Date of your letter of transmittal.
Alex and Lee G. Lewis (Freedmen)	February 14, 1907.
Cora Bailey (Freedman)	February 13, 1907.
Virginia and Dave Colbert (Freedmen)	February 12, 1907.
Stella Marlow	February 15, 1907.
Joanna Pollock, et al.,	December 24, 1906.
Ulysis and Sydney Frazier (Freedmen)	February 14, 1907.
Annie and Daniel Carter (Freedmen)	February 14, 1907.
Margie Hall (Freedman)	February 16, 1907.
Lavera Perry (Freedman)	February 7, 1907.
Willie and Nennie Roberts	February 6, 1907.
Clarence Vails	February 7, 1907.
Beatrice and Maudie Jeffres (Freedmen)	February 11, 1907.
L. P. Rhoades, et al.,	February 14, 1907.
Airener Pitchlynn (Freedman)	February 11, 1907.
Henry and Minnie Reed (Freedmen)	February 11, 1907.
Vivian V. and Clyde Parks	February 11, 1907.
Marvin Clifford Manley	February 7, 1907.
Blanche M. Stark, et al.,	February 20, 1907.

Title of Case.	Date of your letter of transmittal.
James H. Law, (Intermarried)	February 6, 1907.
Bell Serna (Miss.Choc.)	February 7, 1907.
David and Mariedell Powell (Freedmen)	February 7, 1907.
Sammie Blunt (Freedman)	February 7, 1907.
Clora and Annie Berry (Freedmen)	February 21, 1907.
Robert Thompson (Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
Washington and Hester Anthony (Freedmen)	February 21, 1907.
Ann and Emmett Walzen (Freedmen)	February 21, 1907.
Dee Wilson (Freedman)	February 20, 1907.
Blanch Johnson (Freedman)	February 16, 1907.
Luvena May Everett (Miss. Choc.)	February 23, 1907.
Viola Warrior (Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
Ella Folsom, et al., (Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
Edward Adamson (Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
Allie May and Amos Williams (Freedmen)	February 21, 1907.
John Ward, et al.,	January 23, 1907.
Frank P. Morgan (Intermarried)	January 24, 1907.
Marion James Robins (Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
William C. York, et al.,	January 16, 1907.
William S. Watters, et al.,	February 23, 1907.
Charley Braggs (Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
Hattie Marie Stewart, et al.,	February 25, 1907.
Robert McCoy (Freedman)	February 18, 1907.
George Chatman (Freedman)	February 21, 1907.
Louisa Perry, (Freedman)	February 19, 1907.
John Albert Pautsky	February 26, 1907.
Nancy F. and Thursey McLarty	February 26, 1907.
Eathes Shockey,	February 26, 1907.
Albert and Ermer Piggee (Freedmen)	February 26, 1907.
Boling McKinney, et al., (Freedman)	February 26, 1907.

Copies of Indian Office letters submitting your reports and recommending that the decisions be approved, are inclosed.

A copy hereof and all the papers in the above-mentioned cases have been sent to the Indian Office.

Respectfully,

E. A. Hitchcock,

Secretary.

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Refer in reply to the following.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON. March 1, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is enclosed a report from Commissioner Bixby, dated February 7, 1907, transmitting the record relative to the application for the enrollment of Sammie Blunt as a Choctaw freedman. On February 7, 1907, the Commissioner held that the applicant was not entitled to enrollment.

The decision of the Commissioner has been examined and found to be correct and its approval is recommended.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

J. P. B. -NL

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 13, 1907.

Henry Blunt,

Hugo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on March 4, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 7, 1907, declining to receive the application for the enrollment of Sammie Blunt as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rodgers.

Acting Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 13, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

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Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rodgers,

Acting Commissioner.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:
17-1322

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 24, 1906.

Henry Blunt,

Hugo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Velton Blunt to the birth of Sammie Blunt, child of Henry and Velton Blunt, July 22, 1905; also affidavits of Minerva Blunt and Tobitha Rice to the birth of Tobitha Blunt, child of Nabe and Minerva Blunt, June 2, 1904; affidavits of E. R. Askew and Mattie Blunt to the birth of Jesse Lee Blunt, May 16, 1906.

You are advised that the time within which applications could be received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of minor children under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expired July 25, 1906.

It has recently been held by the Department that the minor children of Choctaw freedmen who were living on March 4, 1906, are entitled to enrollment provided application was made within the time prescribed by law, or prior to July 25, 1906.

If it is claimed that such applications were made for the enrollment of Choctaw freedmen children prior to July 25, 1906, the parents should appear before the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka, Indian Territory, any time prior to January 1, 1907 for the purpose

In Re - Application for the enrollment of Jammie Blunt as a Choctaw Freedman.

Exhibit A

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES
CHOCTAW LAND OFFICE.

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Acting Commissioner.

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Respectfully,

W. O. Beall

Acting Commissioner.

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ENROLLMENT
CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Della Reeves

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COMMISSIONERS
HENRY L. DAWES,
TAMS BIXBY,
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE.
ALBISON L. AYLESWORTH,
SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

U. S. A.
Ind. Ter.
Cent. Dist.

Personally appeared before me Lacey P. Bolo a Notary Public in & for Cent. Dist. Ind. Ter. Tucker Reese who being first duly sworn on oath deposes & says: that he is the legal husband of Rennie Reese whose Freed-Roll # 2794, and the father of Della Rose who was born Mar. 22, 01 that sixty days and more after Sept. 25 1902 on account of last his protracted wife's sickness it was physically impossible for either he or his wife to appear at Gaines or elsewhere within Indian Territory before the Cent. Dist. Five Civilized Tribes and make original application for the enrollment as a citizen Freed-of Della Rose the daughter aforesaid

Witnesses to mark { W. Harris / Jacob Horne

Tucker his x mark Reese

Subscribed & sworn to before me this August 9 1905

Lacey P. Bolo N. P. Cent. Dist. I. T.

My commission expires Nov 23 1908

COMMISSIONERS
HENRY L. DAWES
TAMS BIXBY,
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SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

U. S. A.
Ind. Ter.
Cent. Dist.

Personally appeared before me
Engr. Bird a Notary Public in & for Cent.
Dist. Ind. Ter. J. E. Harris who being first
duly sworn on oath deposes & says, that
at the time & for Sept. 25 '02 and prior to
Dec. 25 '02 Lucius Reece & wife Rennie
Reece personally well known to me were
sick and unable to appear before the com-
to the Five Civilized Tribes. J. Garvin cruis-
when in their habitation Ind. Ter and make
original application for the enrollment
as a citizen. Freed. of their daughter
Della Reece

J. E. Harris

Subscribed & sworn to before me
this 9th day of Aug. 1905

Engr. Bird
N. P. Cent Dist Ind. Ter

My commission
expires 11-23-08

COMMISSIONERS
HENRY L. DAWES,
TAMS BIXBY,
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

U.S.A.
Ind. Ter.
Central Dist.

Personally appeared before me Lacy P. Bobo a Notary Public in & for said Dist. Ind. Ter. Rennie Reeves who Fred - Roll # 2794 who being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that she is the legal wife of Tucker Reeves who Fred # 2793 and the mother of Della Reeves who was born Mar. 27. 1901. that for sixty days and more after Sept. 25 1902 on account of her & her husbands protracted sickness it was physically impossible for either of them to appear at Gavin Ind. Ter. or elsewhere in this Nation before & on to the first Tribes and make original application in the enrollment as a who Fred - of Della Reeves her daughter aforesaid

her
Rennie X Reeves
mark

Witnesses to mark { B.S. Harris
Jacob Homer

Subscribed & sworn to before me this August 9. 1904
my commission expires Nov 23 1908

Lacy P. Bobo Ind Dist Ind Ter
Notary Public

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Lena Reese

as a citizen of the

Chickasaw Nation.

By Freedman

Approved _____ 190

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
FILED
AUG 14 1905

Commissioner

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APR 26 1906

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Della Reeves, born on the 27 day of March, 1901
(Here insert name of child)
Name of Father: Tucker Reeves, a citizen, by Freed Roll No 2793, of the Choctaw Nation.
Name of Mother: Rennie Reeves, a citizen, by Freed Roll No 2794, of the Choctaw Nation.

Post-Office: _____

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Rennie Reeves, on oath state that I am about 34 years of age and a citizen, by Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Tucker Reeves, who is a citizen, by Freed, of the Choctaw Nation, that a female child was born to me on the 27 day of March 1901; that said child has been (Male or female)
named Della Reeves, and is now living.

her
Rennie x Reeves
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses) Jacob Homer
C. S. Harris

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9 day of August 1905.

Lucy P. Bobo
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Laura Smith, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Rennie Reeves, wife of Tucker Reeves on the 27 day of March, 1901; that there was born to her on said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been (Male or female)
named Della Reeves.

her
Laura x Smith
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses) Jacob Homer
C. S. Harris

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9 day of August 1905.

Lucy P. Bobo
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Della Reeves Friedman

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved FEB 9 1907 190...

Commissioner

Date of Birth
March 27, 1901

JAN 2[illegible] 1907

original application received [illegible]

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as ~~a citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Della Reeves [Here insert name of child] born on the 27th day of March 1901

Name of Father: Tucker Reeves a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Rennie Reeves a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father..... Tribal enrollment of mother.....

Postoffice Harris I T

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Rennie Reeves, on oath state that I am 36 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Tucker Reeves, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 27th day of March 1901, that said child has been named Della Reeves and was living March 4, 1906.

Rennie her X Reeves
Mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { W B Morton
Frank L Dobbs

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of January 1907

W B Morton
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Laura Smith a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Rennie Reeves, wife of Tucker Reeves on the 27th day of March 1901; that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Della Reeves

Laura her X Smith
Mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { W B Morton
Frank L Dobbs

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of Janiy 1907

W B Morton
Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 15, 1905.

Tucker Reeves,

Harris, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby asknowledged of your letter of August 9, 1905, inclosing application and affidavit in regard to the birth of your daughter, Deler Reeves, which occurred March 27, 1901, and asking if there is any chance for her enrollment.

In reply to your letter you are advised that it appears from the records of this office that you and your wife are Choctaw freedmen, and that no application was made for the enrollment of your child, Della Reeves, prior to December 25, 1902, and since that time there has been no provision for reception of applications for the enrollment of children of Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

17 MB 64.

Muskogee, Indian Territ ory, December 14, 1906.

Tucker Reeves,

Harris, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Della Reeves, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not she was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

Choc. M. Fr. 65
Grady P. Springs
Lewis Bird Springs

M. Fr. 65

MINOR 65

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Grady P. Springs
Lewis Bird Springs

Decline to receive

Copy of Decision Forwarded Applicant
Copy of Decision Forwarded Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.
Record Forwarded Department.

Action Approved by Secretary of Interior. Mar 2 1907

Notice of Departmental Action Forwarded Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. Apr 4 1907

Notice of Departmental Action Mailed Applicant. Apr 4 1907

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906


DEC 24 1906

To all whom this may
Concern Greeting
Know Ye
That I George J. Edmunds
an Ordained Minister of the
Methodist Episcopal Church South
Did this day Celebrate the
Rites of Matrimony between

done at Galkina I. T.
August the 16th 1890

George J. Edmunds M.E.

NEW-BORN AFFIDAVIT

Number. ____

...CHOCTAW ENROLLING COMMISSION...

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, of Grady P. Springs (Name of Child)

born on the 12th day of January 1903

Name of father Levi Springs a citizen of Choctaw Nation, final enrollment No. 1101

Name of mother, Nennetta Springs a citizen of Non-Citizen Nation; final enrollment No.

Postoffice Limestone Gap, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

INDIAN TERRITORY

Central DISTRICT.

I Nennetta Springs, on oath state that I am 28 years of age and ~~a citizen by~~ Non-Citizen, ~~of the~~ ____ ~~Nation~~, and as such have been placed upon the final roll of the ____ Nation, by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior my final enrollment No. being ____; that I am the lawful wife of Levi Springs, who is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, and as such has been placed upon the final roll of said Nation by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, his final enrollment No. being 1101 and that a Male (Male or Female) child was born to me on the 12th day of January 1903; ~~that said~~ child has been named Grady P. Springs, and is now living.

Witnesseth.

Nennetta Springs

Must be two Witnesses who are Citizens. J. J. Perry

Wesley Anderson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of Jan 1903

Wes W Anderson

My Commission Expires: ____ 1905.

Notary Public.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BIRTH
of Grady P. Springs

Choctaw Commission No.____.

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CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

N.B. 65

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AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
INDIAN TERRITORY
Central DISTRICT

I, Lucy Nails a Midwife

on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Lucilla Spring, wife of Levi B. Spring, on the 12 day of January 1903, that there was born to her on said date a Male child, that said child is now living,
Male or Female

and is said to have been named Lady L. Spring
Lucy Nails M.D.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 25 day of January 1903

WITNESSETH; Peter McAlister Notary Public.

Must be two witnesses who are Citizens. { Levi Spring / S J Spring

We hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Lucy Nails a Midwife and know her to be reputable and of good standing in the community.

S J Spring

Wm McAlister

Must be two Citizen Witnesses

Joe

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Grady Porter Spring

as a citizen of

Choc Nation.

Approved JAN 23 1907 190...

Commissioner.

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

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DEC 23 1906

COMMISSIONER.

Application
Received
April 26. 1906

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Grady Porter Springs, born on the 12th day of January 1903.
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: Levi Springs a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Henrietta Springs a citizen of the U. S. Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father 1406 Freedmen Tribal enrollment of mother

Postoffice Tuskahoma I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Henrietta Springs, on oath state that I am 30 years of age and a citizen by noncitizen of the Nation;

that I am the lawful wife of Levi Springs, who is a citizen, by Freedmen of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male [Male or Female] child was

born to me on 12th day of January 1903; that said child has been named

Grady Porter Springs and was living March 4, 1906.

Henrietta Springs

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of Dec 1906.

My Com. Ex. Dec. 2-9-1909 P. W. Hudson
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
District.

I, Lucy Nail, a Midwife, on oath state that I

attended on Henrietta Springs wife of Levi Springs

on the 12th day of Jan 1903; that there was born to her on said date a Male [Male or Female]

child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named

Grady Porter Springs her Lucy X Nail mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] S J Prince

S J Springs

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of Dec 1906.

P. W. Hudson
Notary Public.

~~17-NB-65~~

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

.....Lewis Bird Spring.....

as a citizen of

.....Choc..... **Nation.**

~~CHOCTAW FREEDMEN~~

Approved..... **190...**

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Commissioner.

Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906

Department OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEC 20 1906

Tams Bixby,
Commissioner.

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DEC 21 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, of Lewis Bird Springs, born on the 24th day of March 1905.
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: Levi Springs a citizen of the Choc Nation.

Name of Mother: Henrietta Springs a citizen of the non-citizen Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father 1406. Friedman Tribal enrollment of mother

Postoffice Tuskahoma, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Henrietta Springs, on oath state that I am 30 years of age and a citizen by non-citizen., of the Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Levi Springs, who is a citizen, by Freedmen, of the Choc Nation; that a male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 24th day of March 1905.; that said child has been named Lewis Bird Springs and was living March 4, 1906.

henrietta Springs

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

(SEAL)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of Dec 1906.

My Com Ex Dec 20th 1909 P. W. Hudson
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Lucy Nail, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Henrietta Springs, wife of Levi Springs on the 24th day of March 1905.; that there was born to her on said date a male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named

Lewis Bird Springs

Lucy her X Nail
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { G.G. Price
S.G. Spring

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of Dec 1906.

(SEAL)

P. W. Hudson.
Notary Public.

(copy)

17-NB-65

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 29, 1906.

Levi Spring,

Tuskahoma, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 20, inclosing affidavits of Henrietta Spring and Lucy Nail to the birth of Grady Porter Spring, child of Levi and Henrietta Spring, January 12, 1903, and the same have been filed in the matter of the application for the enrollment of said child.

Receipt is also acknowledged of the affidavits of Henriett Spring and Lucy Nail to the birth of Lewis Bird Spring, March 24, 1905, and evidence of marriage between yourself and Henrietta Triplett.

You are advised that the time within which applications could be received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of minor children under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expired July 25, 1906.

It has recently been held by the Department that the minor children of Choctaw freedmen who were living on March 4, 1906, are entitled to enrollment provided application was made within the time prescribed by law, or prior to July 25, 1906.

If it is claimed that such an application was made for the enrollment of Lewis Bird Spring prior to July 25, 1906, you should appear at the General Office in Muskogee, Indian Territory, any time during the month of January 1907, for the purpose of presenting testimony relative to the submission of such as application within the required time.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

(copy)

Riamichi, I.T.1/5/1907.

Commission to the five Tribes,

Muscogee, I.T.

Dear Sir Your letter of December 29th to hand in Reply will say I did not make application for Lewis Bird Springs until December 17th 1906 for I did not learn in time last July of the Ruling of the Departmant to make the application, if there is any way my boy Lewis Bird Spring can be put on the roll I would be glad to have him put on

Respectfully

Levi Springs.

(endorsed on back)

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COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE TRIBES
NO 1082 Received Jan 7 1907
Jan 15 1907

Springs, Levi,
Kiamichi, I.T.
Choctaw Nation,
Jan 5, 1907.

Asks if there is any way to enroll
Lewis Bird Springs.

~~CHOC-CHIC ENROLLMENT~~

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17-NB-65. S.E.F.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the alleged application for the enrollment of Lewis Bird Springs as a Choctaw freedman.

D E C I S I O N.

It appears from the record herein that on December 21, 1906, there was received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes a written application for the enrollment of Lewis Bird Springs as a Choctaw freedman.

It further appears from the record herein that on December 29, 1906, a letter was addressed from this office to Levi Springs at Tuskahoma, Indian Territory, notifying him that if he claimed that an application had been made for the enrollment of Lewis Bird Springs prior to July 25, 1906, he should appear at this office at any time during the month of January, 1907, for the purpose of presenting testimony relative to the submission of such an application within the required time.

In reply thereto there was received on January 7, 1907, a letter from Levi Springs, stating that no application had been made for the enrollment of said applicant prior to December 17, 1906.

It further appears from the record herein that the birth affidavits of Henrietta Springs, the mother, and Lucy Nail, the attending midwife, at the birth of said applicant, were executed December 20, 1906, before one P.W. Hudson, a notary public.

The records of this office fail to show that any application of any nature whatsoever was made for the enrollment of said applicant as a Choctaw freedman prior to December 21, 1906.

I am, therefore, of the opinion that the evidence fails to establish that any application was made for the enrollment of Lewis Bird Springs as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), and that I am without authority to receive, consider, or make any record of any application for his enrollment as such, and that I should decline to receive the same, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

FEB 7 1907.

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 7, 1907.

Levi Springs,

Tuskahoma, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

I inclose herewith a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 7, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Lewis Bird Springs as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the proceedings in the case is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

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Registered.

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 7, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

I inclose herewith a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 7, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Lewis Bird Springs as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the proceedings in the case is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

17-NB-65.

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 7, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Lewis Bird Springs as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 7, 1907, declining to receive or consider said application.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

17-NB-65.

Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

J.P.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, S.P.

WASHINGTON.

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March 2,1907.

LRS

DIRECT.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir;

Your decisions in the following Choctaw citizenship cases adverse to the applicants are hereby affirmed.

Copies of Indian Office letters submitting your reports and recommending that the decisions be affirmed are inclosed:

Title of Case.		Date of your letter of transmittal.
John W. Betts, et al.		June 19,1906,
Rachel Dyer		December 20,1906,
Mary E. Price,	(intermarriage)	February 14,1907,
Ella Horn, et al.	(freedmen)	February 14,1907,
James R. Mahardy	(freedman)	February 14,1907,
Andy Cotton	(freedman)	February 14,1907,
Oscar L. Stone	(intermarriage)	February 14,1907,
Archie Newton, et al.	(freedman)	February 14,1907,
Charletta McCurtain	(intermarriage)	February 14,1907,
Cleorie Phillips		February 14,1907,
Rasaphelt Butler	(freedman)	February 11,1907,
Lewis Bird Springs	(freedman)	February 7,1907,
Rutha Green	(freedman)	February 11,1907.

Title of case.	Date of your letter of transmittal.
Sam Stewart (freedman)	February 11, 1907.
Jane Freeman, et al. (freedmen)	January 26, 1907.
Myree Dangerfield, et al. (freedmen)	January 26, 1907.
Linder Harlan (freedman)	February 13, 1907.
Frieda Lucas, et al. (Miss. Chee.)	February 12, 1907.
Inez Crunk, et al. (Miss. Chee.)	February 12, 1907.
Maggie Cotton (freedman)	February 8, 1907.
William P. Cook (Miss. Chee.)	February 11, 1907.
Wavery Columbus Hunter, et al. (Miss. Chee.)	February 12, 1907.
Augustus Anderson, (freedman)	February 13, 1907.
Albert Fulsom, et al. (freedmen)	February 13, 1907.
David Dyer	February 13, 1907.
Martha L. Moore, et al.	December 22, 1906.
Bill Daniels, et al. (freedmen)	February 14, 1907.
Melvina King, et al.	January 29, 1907.
Levi Cornish, et al. (Miss. Chee.)	February 12, 1907.
John Roberts	~~January 26, 1907.~~
Joe P. Hunter (Miss. Chee.)	February 12, 1907.
Florence L. Roberts (Miss. Chee.)	February 12, 1907.

A copy hereof and the papers in the above mentioned cases have been sent to the Indian Office.

Respectfully,

Jesse E. Wilson,

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON.

February 27,1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is enclosed a report from the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 7,1907, transmitting the record relative to the application made on December 21,1906, for the enrollment of Lewis Bird Springs as a Choctaw freedman. On February 7,1907, the Commissioner held that the applicant was not entitled to enrollment.

The record shows that it is not claimed on behalf of the applicant, that any application for his enrollment was made prior to December 17,1906, and Commissioner Bixby says that the records in his Office show that no application for the applicant's enrollment was made prior to December 21,1906.

Under the provisions of the Act of April 26,1906 (34 Stat. L. 137), the applicant is not entitled to enrollment.

It is therefore recommended that the decision of the Commissioner adverse to the applicant be approved.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,
Acting Commissioner.

J.P.B.-NL

17-NB-65

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 4, 1907.

Levi Springs,

Tuskahoma, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on March 2, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of February 7, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Lewis Bird Springs as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rodgers.

Acting Commissioner.

17-NB-65

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 4, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that on March 2, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of February 7, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Lewis Bird Springs as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rodgers

Acting Commissioner.

17 N. 65.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 14, 1906.

Levi Springs,

Tuskahoma, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Grady P. Springs, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not he was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

You are also requested to furnish this office with evidence of your marriage to Henretta Springs, mother of this child the best evidence of which will be the original or a certified copy of your marriage license and certificate.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have

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properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 14, 1907.

Levi Springs,

Kiamichi, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 5, 1907, stating that you did not make application for Lewis Bird Springs until December 17, 1906, and you ask if there is any way by which he can now be enrolled.

In reply to your letter you are advised that under an opinion of the Assistant Attorney General of November 15, 1906, the children of Choctaw freedmen are entitled to enrollment under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, provided application was made for their enrollment prior to July 25, 1906, under the provisions of said act. However, the time within which applications could be received, expired July 25, 1906, and since that time there is no authority for the reception of original applications.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Elizabeth Scott

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ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Elizabeth Scott

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Elizabeth Scott

as a citizen of the

Choctaw Nation.

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Commissioner.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 20

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Chocktaw Nation,
of Elizabeth Scott (Here insert name of child), born on the 7 day of Nov, 1902
Name of Father: Jeff Scott, a citizen of the United State Nation.
Name of Mother: Rhoda Scott, a citizen of the Chocktaw Nation.
Post-Office: Frogville I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Rhoda Scott, on oath state that I am 40 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Chocktaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Jeff Scott, who is a citizen, by —, of the United State Nation, that a Female (Male or female) child was born to me on the 7 day of Nov, 1902; that said child has been named Elizabeth Scott, and is now living.

Rhoda her X mark Scott

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.) Evert Spears
W. R. Whitaker

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 *day of* Dec, 1902.

D. P. Harrod
Notary Public.
Grant I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Susy Crittenden, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Rhoda Scott, wife of Jeff Scott, on the 7 day of Dec, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a Female (Male or female) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Elizabeth Scott.

Susy her X mark Crittenden

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.) Evert Spears
W. R. Whitaker

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 *day of* Dec, 1902.

D. P. Harrod
Notary Public.
Grant I.T.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Elizabeth Scott

as a citizen of Tuskegee

Choctaw Nation.

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Commissioner.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
Freedman

of Elizabeth Scott Frogville Ind Ter, born on the 1st day of November 1902.
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: Jeff Scott a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
non

Name of Mother: Rhoda Scott Freedman a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father None Tribal enrollment of mother Freedman

Postoffice Frogville Induan Territory

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Rhoda Scott, on oath state that I am about 38 years of age and a citizen by Freedman of the Choctaw Nation;
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that I am the lawful wife of Jeff Scott, who is a citizen, by None of the No Nation; that a female child was
[Male or Female]

born to me on First day of November 1902; that said child has been named Elizabeth Scott and was living March 4, 1906

her
Rhoda X Scott
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK: F M Hopkins
[Must be Two Witnesses] O A Bagwell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of December 1906.

T O Nelson
Notary Public

my commission expires
August the 26th 1907.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Sisie Crittenden, a Mid-Wife, on oath state that I attended on Rhoda Scott, wife of Jeff Scott on the 1st day of November 1902; that there was born to her on said date a female child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Elizabeth Scott
[Male or Female]

her
Sisie X Crittenden
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK: F M Hopkins
[Must be Two witnesses] O A Bagwell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of December 1906.

T O Nelson
Notary Public.

My Commission expires
August 26th 1907.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 15, 1902.

Rhoda Scott,

Progville, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the application for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman of Elizabeth Scott, infant daughter of Jeff and Rhoda Scott, born November 8, 1902.

You are advised that the Commission is without authority to enroll this child as a Choctaw freedman, it appearing that said child was born November 8, 1902, subsequent to the ratification by the citizens of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations on September 25, 1902 of an act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 641).

Section twenty-eight thereof provides as follows:

"The names of all persons living on the date of the final ratification of this agreement entitled to be enrolled as provided in section 27 hereof shall be placed upon the rolls made by said Commission; and no child born thereafter to a citizen or freedman and no person intermarried thereafter to a citizen shall be entitled to enrollment or to participate in the distribution of the tribal property of the Choctaws and Chickasaws."

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

17 NB 66.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 14, 1906.

Jeff Scott,

Progville, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Elizabeth Scott, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not she was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 24, 1906.

Jeff Scott,

Frogville, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Rhoda Scott and Sisie Crittenden to the birth of Elizabeth Scott, child of Jeff and Rhoda Scott, November 1, 1902, and the same have been filed in the matter of the enrollment of said child.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

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Cloudie Woods

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MINOR 67

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Cloudie Woods

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Chudie Woods

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

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Commissioner.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Claudie Wooda, born on the 16th day of Oct. 1902

[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: Frank Wooda a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Easter Wooda a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Freedman Tribal enrollment of mother Freedman

Postoffice Antlers I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, Central District.

I, Easter Wooda, on oath state that I am 21 years of age and a citizen by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Frank Wooda, who is a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that a male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 16th day of October 1902; that said child has been named Claudie Wooda, and was living March 4, 1906.

Easter Wooda

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of July 1906.

H. R. Cocke

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, Central District.

I, Sarah Jackson, a mid-wife, on oath state that I attended on Easter Wooda, wife of Frank Wooda, on the 16th day of Oct 1902; that there was born to her on said date a male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Claudie Wooda.

Sarah her + Jackson
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Henry Edmond

[Must be Two Witnesses] H. R. Cocke

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of July 1906.

H. R. Cocke.

Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Claude Woods
Freedman
as a citizen of

Cherokee **Nation.**

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Commissioner.

Sam J Buck
Dec. 16. 1902

Original application received
17 Feb 1906 April 26. 1906.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen of the~~ Freedman Nation,

of Blaude Woods [Here insert name of child], born on the 16th day of October 1902

Name of Father: Frank Woods a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Esther Woods (nee Haley) a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father. C. 436 Tribal enrollment of mother. C 4421

Postoffice: Antlers I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Esther Woods, on oath state that I am 22 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedwoman of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Frank Woods, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 16th day of October, 1902; that said child has been named Blaude Woods and was living March 4, 1906.

Esther Woods

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of February 1907

Earl Jackson
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Sarah Jackson, a Mid-Wife, on oath state that I attended on Esther Woods, wife of Frank Woods on the 16th day of October 1902; that there was born to her on said date a Male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Blaude Woods

Sarah her (X) mark Jackson

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { Earl Jackson
Will Meadows

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of February, 1907

Earl Jackson
Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 7, 1906.

Frank Woods,

Antlers, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of affidavits of Easter Woods and Sarah Jackson to the birth of Claudie Woods, child of Frank and Easter Woods, October 16, 1902.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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17 NB 67.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 14, 1906.

Frank Woods,

Antlers, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Claudie Woods, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with evidence of your marriage to Easter Woods, the mother of this child, the best evidence of which will be the original or a certified copy of the marriage license and certificate.

You should give this matter your immediate attention.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

Choc. M. Fr. 68

Robert Williams

Minnie Moola Williams

M. Fr. 68

MINOR 68

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Robert Williams
Minnie Moola Williams.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Robert Williams

as a Freedman of

Chickasaw Nation.

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Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

It appearing from the record herein that the applicant Robert Williams was born subsequent to September 25, 1902 and died prior to March 4, 1906, I am of the opinion that under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), I am without authority to receive consider or make any record of any application for the enrollment of the said Robert Williams as a Choctaw freedman and therefore I should decline to receive the same and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. VALLEY NEWS CO., PAULS VALLEY, IND. TER.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a Freedman of the Chickasaw Nation, of Robert Williams, born on the 10 day of March, 1905.
(Here insert name of child)

Name of Father: Robert Williams ~~a citizen~~ Freedman of the Chickasaw Nation

Name of Mother: Angelina Williams, a Freedman of the Chickasaw Nation

Post-office Robinson Ind Ter

Affidavit of Mother.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
~~INDIAN TERRITORY~~ }
Southern District. }

I, Angelina Williams, on oath state that I am 24 years of age and a Freedman, by blood, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Robert Williams, who is a ~~citizen~~ Freedman by blood, of the Chickasaw Nation; that a Male (Male or Female.) child was born to me on 10 day of March 1905; that said child has been named Robert Williams, and is ~~now~~ not living.

Witness to mark. Angelina Williams

(Must be two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5 day of May 1905

J P Gibson
Notary Public.

Affidavit of Attending Physician, or Midwife.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
~~INDIAN TERRITORY~~ }
Southern District. }

I, Alice Phillips, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Angelina Williams, wife of Robert Williams on the 10 day of March, 1905; there was born to her on said date a Male (Male or Female.) child; that said child is ~~now~~ not living and is said to have been named Robert Williams.

WITNESS TO MARK. Alice Phillips

(Must be two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5 day of May 1905

J P Gibson
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Minnie Maola Williams

as a Freedman of

Chickasaw Nation.

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Commissioner

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. VALLEY NEWS CO., PAULS VALLEY, IND. TER.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a Freedman of the Chickasaw Nation, of Minnie Maola Williams, born on the 24 day of March, 1903
(Here insert name of child)

Name of Father: Robert Williams a Freedman of the Chickasaw Nation

Name of Mother: Angeline Williams a Freedman of the Chickasaw Nation

Post-office Robinson Ind Ter

Affidavit of Mother.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY
Southern District.

I, Angeline Williams, on oath state that I am 24 years of age and a Freedman, by blood, of the Chickasaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Robert Williams, who is a Freedman, by blood, of the Chickasaw Nation; that a Female child was born to me on 24 day of March 1903; that said child has been named Minnie Maola Williams, and is now living.
(Male or Female.)

Witness to mark. Angeline Williams

(Must be two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5 day of May 1903

J P Gibson
Notary Public.

Affidavit of Attending Physician, or Midwife.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY
Southern District.

I, Alice Phillips, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Angeline Williams wife of Robert Williams on the 24 day of March, 1903; there was born to her on said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been
(Male or Female.)
named Minnie Maola Williams.

WITNESS TO MARK. Alice Phillips

(Must be two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5 day of May 1903

J P Gibson
Notary Public.

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Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Minnie Maola Nelms

as a Freedman of

Chickasaw Nation.

CHICKASAW FREEDMAN

Approved 190

Commissioner.

July 24, 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ALLOTMENT, as a Freedman of the Cherokee Nation

of Minnieanola Williams, born on the 24 day of March 1903.
(Here insert name of child)

Name of Father: Robert Williams, a Freedman of the Cherokee Nation.

Name of Mother: Angelina Williams, a Freedman of the Cherokee Nation

Postoffice Roberson I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
17 Sanhedrin DISTRICT.

I, Angelina Williams, on oath state that I am 24 years of age, and a Freedman by , of the Cherokee Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Robert Williams, who is a Freedman by , of the Cherokee Nation; that a female child was born to me on 24 day of March, 1903; that said child has been named Minnieanola Williams, and was living March 4, 1906.

her
Angelina X Williams
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) { [illegible]
Calvin Dewberry

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of [illegible], 190[illegible]

[illegible]
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
17 Sanhedrin DISTRICT.

I, Lula Parks, a [illegible], on oath, state that I attended on Mrs. Angelina Williams, wife of Robert Williams, on the 24 day of March, 1903, that there was born to her on said date a female (Male or Female) child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Minnieanola Williams.

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X
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) {

Subscribed and sworn to before me this [illegible] day of [illegible], 1906

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Notary Public.

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Robert Williams

a citizen of the

Choctaw Nation.

Approved 190

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

It appearing from the record herein that the applicant Robert Wi born subsequent to March 4, 1906, I am of the opinion that under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats. 137), I am without authority to receive, consider, or make any record of any application for the enrollment of the said Robert Williams as a Choctaw freedman and therefore I should decline to receive the same and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Robert Williams
(Here insert name of deceased.)

a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near
Roberson, Ind. Ter. (Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter., and died on the 12th day of
March, 1905.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
Southern DISTRICT.

I, Angeline Williams on oath state that I am 25 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;
that my postoffice address is Roberson, I.T. (Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter.; that I am
the mother (State relationship as the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) of Robert Williams (Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation
and that said Robert Williams (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 12th day of
March, 1905.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Andrew J. Gardenshire (Must Be Two Witnesses) { Jim Newberry / Aaron Gave

Angeline Williams per mark.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of January 1907.

Andrew J. Gardenshire
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
Southern DISTRICT.

I, Jim Newberry, on oath state that I am 33 years of age, and a citizen by ~~birth~~ of the United States ~~Nation~~;
that my postoffice address is Katie, Ind. Ter. (Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter.;
that I was personally acquainted with Robert Williams (Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;
and that said Robert Williams (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 12th day of
March, 1905.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Andrew J. Gardenshire (Must Be Two Witnesses) { Jim Newberry / }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of January 1907.

Andrew J. Gardenshire
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Minnie Lena Dunn v.

as a citizen of

Choctaw **Nation.**

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Commissioner.

Date of Birth
Mch 24, 1906

original application
taken received
17 N.B.68 April 26, 1906.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Minnie Maola Williams, born on the 24th day of March 1903
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: Robert Williams a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Angeline Williams a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Roberson, I. Ty.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Southern District. }

I, Angeline Williams on oath state that I am 25 years of age and a citizen by Freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Robert Williams who is a citizen by Freedman of the Chickasaw Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 24th day of March 1903; that said child has been named Minnie Maola Williams and was living March 4, 1906.

her
Angeline + Williams
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Andrew J. Gardenhire [Must be Two Witnesses] Jim Newberry
Aaron Love

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of January 1907

Andrew J. Gardenhire
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Southern District. }

I, Alice Phillips, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Angeline Williams, wife of Robert Williams on the 24th day of March 1903; that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Minnie Maola Williams

her
Alice + Phillips
mark

Andrew J. Gardenhire WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] D. L. Hughes
Andrew J. Gardenhire

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of January 1907

Andrew J. Gardenhire
Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 12, 1905.

Robert Williams,

Robinson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Angeline Williams and Alis Philips to the birth of Minnie Maola and Robert Williams, children of Robert and Angeline Williams, March 24, 1903, and March 10, 1905, respectively.

You are advised that it appears from our records that you are a Chickasaw freedman and your wife, Angeline Williams, is a Choctaw freedman, and under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March 3, 1905, the Commission was not authorized to receive applications for the enrollment of children born to Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 1, 1906.

Robert Williams,

Roberson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Angieline Williams and Lula Newberry to the birth of Minniemaola Williams, child of Robert and Angieline Williams, March 24, 1903.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17 NB 69.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 15, 1906.

Robert Williams,

Robinson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Minnie Maola Williams, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not she was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Robert Williams, it appears from the affidavits in the possession of this office that this child died prior to March 4, 1906, and for the purpose of making his death a matter of record there is inclosed blank form for proof of death which you are requested to have executed and returned to this office.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there

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is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of Minnie Maola Williams.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 18, 1907.

Robert Williams,

Robinson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that it appearing from the records of this office that your minor child Robert Williams, died prior to March 4, 1906, the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, on February 16, 1907, declined to receive the application for his enrollment as a minor Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 69

Murel L. Williams

Ora Williams

M. Fr. 69

MINOR

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CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Murel L. Williams
Ora Williams

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Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD.

Muriel L Williams

As a citizen of the

Choctaw Nation.

Approved 1

Commissioner.

Born Dec. 21, 1902.

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN

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Department of the Interior,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Minnie L. Williams, born on the 21st day of December 1902
Name of father: Simon Williams, a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.
Name of mother: Hettie Williams a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Post Office: Shawneetown I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Hettie Williams on oath, state that I am 24 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Simon Williams who is a citizen, by Adoption, of the Chickasaw Nation; that a female child was born to me on the 21st day of December, 1902; that said child has been named Minnie L. Williams and is now living.

Hettie Williams

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of December, 1902.

S. L. Wright
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Ann Pitts, a Midwife, on oath, state that I ~~attended on Mrs.~~ Hettie Williams, wife of Simon Williams on the 21 day of December, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Minnie L. Williams.

her
Ann x Pitts
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of December, 1902.

S. L. Wright
Notary Public.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT

Department of the Interior,
Commissioner To The Five Civilized Tribes.

Enrollment of Minors. Act of Congress, Approved April 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Merrill Williams, born on the 21 day of November 1902.
Here insert name of child.

Name of Father: Simon Williams a citizen of the Choctaw Natibn
Name of Mother: Hettie Williams a citizen of the Choctaw Nation
Tribal enrollment of father Choctaw Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw
Postoffice Idabel I. T.

Affidavit of Mother.

UNITED STATES of AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Coal District.

I, Hettie Williams on oath state that I am 27
years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation;
that I am the lawful wife of Simon Williams who is a citizen, by
adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that a male child was
Male or Female.
born to me on 21 day of November, 1902; that said child has been named
Merrill Williams and was living March 4, 1906.

her
Hettie x Williams
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
[Must be two Witnesses.]
Nina Shoals
Ras Graham

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of July 1906.

Sam'l T. Wright
Notary Public.

Affidavit of Attending Physician or MID-WIFE

UNITED STATES of AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Coal District.

I, Lucy Kirk, a mid-wife on oath state that I
attended on Hettie Williams wife of Simon Williams
on the 21 day of Nov. 1902; that there was born to her on said date a male
Male or Female.
child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named
Merrill Williams

her
Lucy x Kirk
mark

WITNESSES MARK:
Must be two Witnesses.
Leon Chatham
Lee McKinley

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of July 1906.

Sam'l T. Wright
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

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as a citizen of

..... Nation.

Approved ..... 190...

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Commissioner.

July 26. 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Ora Williams [Here insert name of child], born on the 22 day of December 1904

Name of Father: Simon Williams a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Nettie Williams a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Choctaw Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw

Postoffice Idabel I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Cent District.

I, Nettie Williams, on oath state that I am 29 years of age and a citizen by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Simon Williams, who is a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 22 day of December 1904; that said child has been named Ora Williams and was living March 4, 1906.

Nettie S. Williams

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Seal) Rosa Graham
[Must be Two Witnesses] Nina Shoals

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of July 1906.

Sam L. Wright
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Cent District.

I, Ann Kirk, a mid-wife, on oath state that I attended on Nettie Williams, wife of Simon Williams on the 22 day of Dec 1904, that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Ora Williams

her
Ann x Kirk
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Seal) Lem Cheatham
[Must be Two Witnesses] Geo McKenley

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of July 1906.

Sam L. Wright
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Merrel Williams
freedman

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

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Commissioner.

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the freedman Choctaw Nation,

of Merrel Williams, born on the 22 day of December 1902
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: Simon Williams a citizen of the freedman Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Hattie Williams a citizen of the freedman Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Choctaw Freedman Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw freedman,

Postoffice Idabel, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Hettie Williams, on oath state that I am 28 years of age and a citizen by freedman adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Simon Williams, who is a freedman citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that a female child was born to me on 22nd day of December, 1902, that said child has been named [Male or Female]
Merrel Williams, and was living March 4, 1906.

Hettie Williams

WITNESSES TO MARK:
R Mc Lean
[Must be Two Witnesses] Abe his x Thompson mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of December 1906.

my Comm. Ex. Jan 18/10 R Mc Lean
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Ann Kirk, a mid-wife, on oath state that I attended on Hettie Williams wife of Simon Williams on the 22nd day of Dec., 1902, that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Merkel Williams

Ann her x mark Kirk

WITNESSES TO MARK:
Abe his x Thompson mark
[Must be Two witnesses] R Mc Lean

Subscribed and sworn to before me this nineteenth day of December 1906.

my Comm. Ex. Jan 18/10 R Mc Lean
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Ora Williamson

as a citizen of Cherokee

Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

Dec 20. 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

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COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS. APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Ora Williams [Here insert name of child], born on the 21st day of Nov 1904

Name of Father: Simon Williams a freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Nettie Williams a freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father. Choctaw freedman Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw freedman

Postoffice Idabel I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Nettie Williams on oath state that I am 38 years of age and a citizen by freedman adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Simon Williams, who is a citizen, by freedman adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 21st day of November 1904; that said child has been named Ora Williams and was living March 4, 1906

Nettie Williams

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Seal) [Must be Two Witnesses] } R S McLean
his
Abe x Thompson
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of December 1906.

My com ex Jan 18/10

R S McLean
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Ann Kirk, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Nettie Williams wife of Simon Williams on the 21st day of Nov 1904; that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female] child: that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Ora Williams

her
Ann X Kirk
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK: her
(Seal) [Must be Two witnesses] } Abe x Thompson
mark
R S McLean

Subscribed and sworn to before me this nineteenth day of December 1906.

My com ex Jan 18/10

R.S. McLean
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

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as a citizen of

..... Nation.

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ of the Choctaw Nation,

of Murrel L. Williams [Here insert name of child] born on the 21st day of Dec. 1902,

Name of Father: Simon Williams a ~~citizen~~ of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Hettie Williams a ~~citizen~~ of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Idabel, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Hettie Williams, on oath state that I am 28 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Simon Williams, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 21st day of December 1902 that said child has been named Murrel L. Williams and was living March 4, 1906.

Hettie Williams

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of January 1907

W.M. Martin
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Ann Kirks, a mid-wife, on oath state that I attended on Hettie Williams, wife of Simon Williams on the 21st day of Dec. 1902 that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Murrel L. Williams

her
Ann X Kirks
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { W.M. Martin
A.G. Echeredge

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of January 1907

W.M. Martin
Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 1, 1906.

Simon Williams,

Idabel, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It appears from the records of the Commissioner that an application was received at this office on July 26, 1906, for the enrollment of your children Merrill and Ora Williams, as Choctaw freedmen.

You are advised that the time within which applications could be received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of minor children under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expired July 25, 1906.

It has recently been held by the Department that the minor children of Choctaw freedmen who were living on March 4, 1906, are entitled to enrollment provided application was made within the time prescribed by law, or prior to July 25, 1906.

If it is claimed that such an application was made for the enrollment of your children, above named, prior to July 25, 1906, you should appear before the Choctaw Land Office, at Atoka, Indian Territory, any time prior to January 1, 1907, for the purpose of presenting testimony relative to the submission of such application within the required time.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-NB-69 S.E.F.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Ora Williams as a Choctaw freedman.

-: D E C I S I O N :-

It appears from the record herein that on July 26, 1906, there was received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes written application for the enrollment of Ora Williams as a Choctaw freedman.

It further appears from the record herein and from the records of this office that Ora Williams was born November 21, 1904 and that she is the daughter of Simon Williams whose name appears opposite No. 1096 upon the final roll of Choctaw Freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior April 8, 1903 and Hettie Williams whose name appears opposite No. 956 upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior March 6, 1903.

It further appears from the record herein that on December 1, 1906, Simon Williams the father of said applicant, was duly notified that if it was claimed that any application had been made for the enrollment of said applicant as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), he should appear before the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka, Indian Territory, at any time prior to January 1, 1907, for the purpose of presenting testimony relative to the submission of such application within the required time, but it does not appear from the records of this office that any appearance was made in response thereto.

It does not appear from the records of this office that any application of any nature whatsoever was ever made for the enrollment of said applicant as a Choctaw freedman prior to July 26, 1906.

Section two of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), provides:

"That for ninety days after approval hereof applications shall be received for enrollment of children who were minors living March fourth, nineteen hundred and six, whose parents have been enrolled as members of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee or Creek tribes, or have applications for enrollment pending at the approval hereof, and for the purpose of enrollment under this section illegitimate children shall take the status of the mother, and allotments shall be made to children so enrolled".

I am of the opinion that inasmuch as application was not

made for the enrollment of Ora Williams as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the above Act, I am without authority to receive or consider any application for her enrollment as such, and that therefore, I should decline to receive or consider the same, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory.
FEB 25 1907

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 25, 1907.

Simon Williams,

Idabell, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 25, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Ora Williams as a Choctawfreedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 25, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:-

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 25, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Ora Williams as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Incl. 17-NB-69

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 25, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior:

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Ora Williams as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 25, 1907, declining to receive or consider said application.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

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Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
WASHINGTON.

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March 2, 1907.

DIRECT.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Your decisions in the following Choctaw citizenship cases adverse to the applicants are hereby affirmed. Copies of Indian Office letters submitting your reports and recommending that the decisions be affirmed are enclosed:

Title of Case.	Date of Your Letter of Transmittal.
Cye Richardson, Jr., (Freedman)	February 14, 1907.
Ernest and Willie Lee Draper (Freedmen),	February 14, 1907.
Mary Dorris Clayton	February 19, 1907.
Alexander Harland (Freedman),	February 13, 1907.
Earnest and Louis Fields (Freedmen),	February 13, 1907.
Claud Waid Thompson (Freedman),	February 13, 1907.
Levie Freeny (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
Kate D. Johnson (Miss. Choc.),	February 20, 1907.
John Littlejohn et al. (Freedmen),	February 23, 1907.
Tobias Louis and James Russell (Freedmen),	February 19, 1907.
Hickman Hensley (Freedman),	February 18, 1907.
Mary Plummer,	February 14, 1907.
Zach Alton Callaway,	February 21, 1907.
Riley Cole (Freedman),	February 19, 1907.
Albert F. and Edith Ford,	February 21, 1907.
Blanch Estella Autrey et al.,	February 21, 1907.
Paul Jones,	February 21, 1907.

Title of Case.	Date of Your Letter of Transmittal.
Frances and Viola Brannon (Freedmen),	February 14, 1907.
Mattie Smith (Freedman),	February 19, 1907.
Ora Williams (Freedman),	February 25, 1907.
William J. Manley,	February 21, 1907.
Vera and Nora Bleavens,	February 18, 1907.
Annie Harkins (Freedman),	February 14, 1907.
Francis York,	February 21, 1907.
J. W. Huffman, et al.,	February 15, 1907.
Sam. W. and Joe A. Potts,	February 19, 1907.
Eva Wright ,	November 20, 1906.
Thomas H. Starks, (intermarried)	February 19, 1907.

A copy hereof and all the papers in the above mentioned cases havebeen sent to the Indian Office.

Respectfully,

Jesse E. Wilson,

Assistant Secretary.

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for Indian Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON.

March 1, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is enclosed a report of Commissioner Bixby dated February 25, 1907, transmitting record in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Ora Williams as a Choctaw freedman, together with the Commissioner's decision of that date denying the application.

The record in the case justifies the Commissioner's findings, and it is recommended that his action be approved.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

ActingCommissioner.

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17-MB-69

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 2, 1907.

Simon Williams,

Idabell, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on March 2, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior approved the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 25, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Ora Williams as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rodgers.

Acting Commissioner.

17-NB-69

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 2, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,
Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that on March 2, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 25, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Ora Williams as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rodgers.

Acting Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 27, 1906.

Simon Williams,

Idabell, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There have been received at this office affidavits of Hettie Williams and Ann Kirks to the birth of Merrill Williams and Ora Williams children of Simon and Hettie Williams, November 21, 1902 and December 22,1904.

You will be notified of such action as is taken in regard to the affidavits to the birth of these children.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 14, 1906.

Simon Williams,

Shawneetown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Murel L. Williams, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not she was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

It appears from the affidavit of Ann Kirks, the attending midwife, that she is unable to write and that her signature is made by mark. You are advised that where signatures are made

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by mark they must be attested by two disinterested persons.

You should give this matter your immediate attention as no further action can be taken for the enrollment of this child until this evidence is received.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 27, 1906.

Simon Williams,

Idabel, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of affidavits relative to the birth of your children, Merrel Williams, born December 22, 1902, and Ora Williams, born November 21, 1904.

You advised that the time within which applications could be received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of minor children under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expired July 25, 1906.

It has recently been held by the Department that the minor children of Choctaw freedmen who were living on March 4, 1906, are entitled to enrollment provided application was made within the time prescribed by law, or prior to July 25, 1906.

If it is claimed that such an application was made for the enrollment of Choctaw freedmen children prior to July 25,

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1906, the parents should appear before the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka, Indian Territory, any time prior to January 1, 1907, for the purpose of presenting testimony relative to the submission of such application within the required time.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

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Parthena Young

Rose Colbert

M. Fr. 70

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ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Parthena Young
Rose Colbert

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Dairena Young

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved 190

Commissoner.

N.B.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Parthena Young (Here insert name of child), born on the 5th day of Feby - - - , 1902

Name of Father: William Young a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Fannie Colbert a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Post-office Kiowa, Ind. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Fannie Colbert, on oath state that I am 21 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I ~~was~~ am not the lawful wife of ~~was never married to~~ William Young, who is a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that a female (Male or female) child was born to me on 5th day of Feby - - - 1902; that said child has been named Parthena Young, and is now living.

Fannie Colbert

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of August 1902

Chas. G. Shull

NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Rose Shields, a Choctaw, on oath state that I attended on ~~Mrs.~~ Fannie Colbert, wife of not married on the 5th day of Feby - - - - , 1902; that there was born to her on said date a female (MALE OR FEMALE) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Parthena Young

her
Rose X Shields
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Authur Adams

(Must be Two Witnesses) Ela Corby

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of August 1902

Chas. G. Shull

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Panthina Colbert
Tuckanon

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

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Commissioner.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the ~~Panthina~~ Choctaw Nation,

of Panthina Colbert, born on the 5 day of Feby 1902.
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: Unknown, a citizen of the ——— Nation.

Name of Mother: Fanny Colbert, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ———, Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw No

~~Postoffice~~ Francis Colbert
Postoffice Hugo, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Fanny Colbert, on oath state that I am twenty-two years of age and a citizen by living a descendant of my Mother Ann Shields Freedman Choctaw Nation; that I am ~~the lawful wife of~~ have never been married, ~~who is a citizen~~, by ———, of the ——— Nation; that a female child was born to me on 5th day of February 1902; that said child has been named Panthina Colbert and was living March 4, 1906.

Fanny Colbert

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] ———
———

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ——— day of ——— 1906.

———
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Rose Shields, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Fanny Colbert, ~~wife of~~ my daughter on the 5 day of Feby 1902; that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Panthina Colbert

her
Rose x Shields
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] C. H. Hyer
J. P. Stinnett

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of June 1906.

G. W. Richardson
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906,

Parthena Colbert
Freedman

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved FEB 2 1907 190...

Commissioner.

Date of Birth
Feb. 5, 1902

Original application
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N.B. 70 April 26. 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Parthena Colbert [Here insert name of child] born on the 5th day of February 1902

Name of Father: William Young a Non citizen of the ~~Nation~~.

Name of Mother Jannie Colbert a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Nonenrolled Tribal enrollment of mother Choc Freed 4415

Postoffice Hugo Indian Territory

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Jannie Colbert, on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; ~~that I am the lawful wife of ..... who is a citizen, by ..... of the ..... Nation;~~ that Female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 5th day of February, 1902; that said child has been named Parthena Colbert and was living March 4, 1906.

Jannie Colbert

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of January 1907

Earl Patterson
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Rose Shields, a Mid-wife, on oath state that I attended on Jannie Colbert, ~~wife of .....~~ on the 5th day of February, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a Female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Parthena Colbert

Rose her (X) mark Shields

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { Earl Patterson
A. E. Freeman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of January 1907

Earl Patterson
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Rose Colbert
Freedman
as a Citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Rose Colbert, born on the 10 day of Nov 1903
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: Unknown a citizen of the ~~Nation.~~

Name of Mother: Fanny Colbert a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ~~———~~ Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw No

~~Residence~~ Hamil Colbert mother
Post Office Hugo. I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Choctaw District.

I, Fanny Colbert, on oath state that I am twenty two years of age and a citizen by living a decendant of my mother Rachel Shields a Freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that I ~~am the lawful wife of~~ have never been married, ~~who is a citizen~~, by ....., of the ..... Nation; that a Female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 10 day of Nov 1903; that said child has been named Rose Colbert and was living March 4, 1906.

Hamil Colbert

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... 1906.

.....
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Choctaw District.

I, Rose Shields, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Fanny Colbert, ~~wife of~~ my daughter on the 10th day of Nov 1903; that there was born to her on said date a Female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Rose ~~Shields~~ Colbert

her
Rose x Shields
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

C. H. Hunt
[Must be Two witnesses] J. P. Stinnett

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of June 1906.

Geo Richardson
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Rose Colbert
Freedman
as a citizen of

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved FEB 9 1907 190..

Commissioner.

Date of Birth
Nov 10, 1903

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Rose Colbert [Here insert name of child], born on the 10 day of November 1903.

Name of Father: Abe Gross a Non citizen of the ~~Nation.~~

Name of Mother: Jannie Colbert a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Non citizen. Tribal enrollment of mother Choc. Freedman #445

Postoffice Kuga Indian Territory

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Jannie Colbert, on oath state that I am 23 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; ~~that I am the lawful wife of ..... who is a citizen, by ..... of the ..... Nation;~~ that a Female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 10th day of November 1903; that said child has been named Rose Colbert and was living March 4, 1906.

Jannie Colbert

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of January 1907.

Earl Patterson
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Rose Shields, a Mid-wife, on oath state that I attended on Jannie Colbert, wife of ....., on the 10th day of November 1903; that there was born to her on said date a Female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Rose Colbert

Rose her (x) mark Shields

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] } Earl Patterson
A E Freeman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of January 1907.

Earl Patterson
Notary Public.

J. N. LEARD,

FRISCO SYSTEM

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Office: Thomas-Coulson Building, Broadway.

Hugo, Ind. Ter., August 30th.,1904.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,

MUSKOGEE,IND.TER.

GENTLEMEN:-

Enclosed find Birt h Proof of Parthena Young,for whose consideration your attention is requested.

Very truly yours,

)))))Hamil Colbert

C/O National Real Estate Co.

P.S.,Please send me one more Bieth Proof and oblige.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 26, 1906.

Fannie Colbert,

Hugo, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit and the affidavit of Rose Shields to the birth of Rose Colbert [redacted]arthenia Colbert, November 10, 1905 and February 5, 1902.

You are advised that the act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, made no provision for the enrollment of children of [illegible] taw and Chickasaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 14, 1906.

Fannie Colbert,

Hugo, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the applications for the enrollment of your children, Rose Colbert and Parthena Colbert, as minor Choctaw freedmen, under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of these children.

Your own affidavit in each application is defective in that the Notary Public before whom it was sworn to has failed to execute the jurat, affix his name or his seal thereto.

It appears from the records of this office that you are not definitely identified on the roll. You are requested to inform this office when, where and under what name you enrolled, what the names of your parents were and if you have received an allotment state your roll number as it appears on your allotment certificate.

There is herewith inclosed new blanks which you are

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requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the applications for the enrollment of these children.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Henry Mansfield

M. Fr. 71

MINOR 71

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Henry Mansfield

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Henry Mansfield

as a citizen of the

Choctaw Nation.

Approved _____ *190*__

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Freedman Nation,
of Henry Mansfield (Here insert name of child.), born on the 14 day of July, 1899 ~~190~~
Name of Father: Houston Mansfield, a citizen of the Choctaw Freedman Nation.
Name of Mother: Letty Mansfield, a citizen of the Choctaw Freedman Nation.
Post-Office: Atlens, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Letty Mansfield, on oath state that I am 20 years of age and a citizen, by Choctaw freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Houston Mansfield, who is a citizen, by Choctaw freedman, of the Choctaw Nation, that a Male (Male or female.) child was born to me on the 14 day of July 1899 ~~190~~; that said child has been named Henry Mansfield, and is now living.

her
Letty x Mansfield
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.)
W. Wilson
Sidney Jones

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 *day of* December *190*2.

W. B. Stewart
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Casie Green, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Letty Mansfield, wife of Houston Mansfield on the 14 day of July, 1899 ~~190~~; that there was born to her on said date a Male (Male or female.) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Henry Mansfield.

her
Casie x Green
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.)
W. Wilson
Sidney Jones

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 *day of* December *190*2.

W. B. Stewart
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

as a citizen of the

_____ *Nation.*

Approved _____ *190*

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Commissioner.

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APR 26 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 20

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a Freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Henry Mansfield (Here insert name of child), born on the 14 day of July 1899
Name of Father: Houston Mansfield, a Freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Name of Mother: Lettie Mansfield, a Freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Post-Office: Antlers, Indian Territory

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Lettie Mansfield, on oath state that I am 21 years of age and a Freedman citizen, by ____, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Houston Mansfield, who is a Freedman citizen, by ____, of the Choctaw Nation, that a male (Male or female.) child was born to me on the 14 day of July 1899; that said child has been named Henry Mansfield, and is now living.

Lettie Mansfield

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of June 1903.

W. P. Stewart
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Casey Green, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Lettie Mansfield, wife of Houston Mansfield on the 14 day of July 1899; that there was born to her on said date a male (Male or female.) child; ~~that said child is now living and is said to have been~~ named Henry Mansfield.

Casey Green

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of June 1903

W. P. Stewart
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Henry Mansfield

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Henry Mansfield (Here insert name of child), born on the 7th day of July, 1899.

Name of Father: Houston Mansfield a Freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Lettie Mansfield a Freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Post-office Atoka I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Lettie Mansfield, on oath state that I am 24 years of age and a citizen, by Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Houston Mansfield, who is a citizen, by Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male (Male or female) child was born to me on 7th day of July, 1899; that said child has been named Henry Mansfield, and is now living.

Lettie Mansfield

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of Sept, 1903.

W. P. Stewart

NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Cassie Green, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Lettie Mansfield, wife of Houston Mansfield on the 7th day of July, 1899; that there was born to her on said date a Male (MALE OR FEMALE) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Henry Mansfield

Cassie Green

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of Sept. 1903.

W. P. Stewart

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Henry Mansfield

Indian

as a citizen of

Choctaw **Nation.**

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Commissioner.

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Original application
received April 26 1906.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Henry Mansfield [Here insert name of child] born on the 26 day of July 1899.

Name of Father: Houston Mansfield a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Lettie Mansfield a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father. C 1196 Tribal enrollment of mother. C 3142

Postoffice Hugo Indian Territory

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Lettie Mansfield, on oath state that I am 28 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Houston Mansfield, who is a citizen, by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 26th day of July 1899; that said child has been named Henry Mansfield and was living March 4, 1906.

Lettie Mansfield

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of January 1907

Earl Patterson
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Cassie Green, a Mid-wife on oath state that I attended on Lettie Mansfield, wife of Houston Mansfield on the 26 day of July 1899; that there was born to her on said date a Male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Henry Mansfield

Cassie Green

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of February 1907

Earl Patterson
Notary Public.

17 NB 71.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 14, 1906.

Houston Mansfield,

Antlers, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Henry Mansfield, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not he was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Choc. M. Fr. 72

Bessie Moore

Odessa Woods

M. Fr. 72

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MINOR

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Bessie Moore
Odessa Woods

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Bessie Moore

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved 190

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Bessie Moore (Here insert name of child.), born on the 25 day of December, 1902.

Name of Father: Lee Moore, non a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Ella Moore, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Postoffice Braden I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central DISTRICT.

I, Ella Moore, on oath state that I am 20 years of age and a citizen, by birth, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Lee Moore, who is a citizen, by non citizen, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Female (Male or Female.) child was born to me on 25 day of December 1902; that said child has been named Bessie Moore, and is now living.

Ella x Moore
her mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) H. D. Stuckey
Ouins Hutchins

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of November 1904.

H M Ashworth
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central DISTRICT.

I, Maggie Johnson, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Ella Moore, wife of Lee Moore on the 25 day of December, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a Female (Male or Female.) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Bessie Moore

Maggie x Johnson
her mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) H. D. Stuckey
Ouins Hutchins

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of November 1904.

H M Ashworth
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Odessa Woods

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved 190

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Odessa Woods (Here insert name of child.), born on the 9th day of July, 1901

Name of Father: Ed Woods, non a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Ella Moore, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Postoffice Broken Bow, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central DISTRICT.

I, Ella Moore, on oath state that I am 20 years of age and a citizen, by birth, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of ~~Ed Woods~~ (deceased), non who is a citizen, by ....., of the Choctaw Nation; that a female (Male or Female.) child was born to me on the 9th day of July, 1901; that said child has been named Odessa Woods, and is now living.

her
Ella x Moore
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) H. L. Stuckey
Owen Hutchins

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of November 1901.

W. M. Ashworth
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central DISTRICT.

I, Maggie Johnson, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Ella Moore, wife of ~~Ed Woods~~ Lee Moore on the 9 day of July, 1901, that there was born to her on said date a female (Male or Female.) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Odessa Woods

her
Maggie x Johnson
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) H. L. Stuckey
Owen Hutchins

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of November 1901.

W. M. Ashworth
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Bessie Moore Tiedeman

as a citizen of

Cherokee Nation.

Approved FEB 9 1907 190...

Commissioner.

Date of Birth
Dec 25, 1899.

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Original application
received in Dec 26. 906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Brasir Moore, born on the 25th day of Decmbr 1899
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: Lee Moore a ~~citizen~~ non citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Ella Moore a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father —— Tribal enrollment of mother Choc F 3347

Postoffice Bradra, I T

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Crstral District.

I, Ella Moore, on oath state that I am 25 years of age and a citizen by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I ~~am~~ the lawful wife of Lee Moore, who is a non citizen, by ....., of the Choctaw Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 25th day of Decmbr 1899; that said child has been named Brasir Moore and was living March 4, 1906.

her
Ella X Moore
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
[Must be Two Witnesses]
Tiner Carter
J L Gary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of February 1907

J L Gary
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Crstral District.

I, Maggie Johnson, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs Ella Moore, wife of Lee Moore on the 25th day of Decmbr 1899; that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Fem le] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Brasir Moore

her
Maggie X Johnson
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
[Must be Two Witnesses]
Tiner Carter
J L Gary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of February 1907

J L Gary
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Odessa Hardy
Freedman

as a citizen of

Cherokee Nation.

Approved FEB 9 1907 190...

Commissioner.

Date of Birth
July 9, 1901

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Adrssa Woods [Here insert name of child], born on the 9th day of July 1901

Name of Father: Ed Woods a citizen of the now Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Ella Moore a freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ——— Tribal enrollment of mother Choc F. 3347

Postoffice Bradrn, I T

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, Central District.

I, Ella Moore on oath state that I am 25 years of age and a citizen by freedman, of the Choctaw Nation;

that I am the lawful wife of Lee Moore, who is a now citizen, by ..., of the Choctaw Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was

born to me on 9th day of July 1901; that said child has been named

Adrssa Woods and was living March 4, 1906.

Ella her x Moore
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] Fenner Carter
J L Gary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of February 1907.

J L Gary
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, Central District.

I, Maggie Johnson, a midwife, on oath state that I

attended on Mrs Ella Moore, wife of Lee Moore

on the 9th day of July 1901; that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female]

child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named

Adrssa Woods

Maggie her x Johnson
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] Fenner Carter
J L Gary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of February 1907.

J L Gary
Notary Public.

17-NB-#72

Testimony of Inus Carter

What is your name Inus Carter
What is your P.O - Bradley, S.C.
How old are you - 27
Do you know Ella Moore - Yes Sir
Has she a girl by the name of Bessie - Yes Sir
When was Bessie Born - 1899
How do you know she was born in 1899 -
That was the year before I was married
and I was married Dec. 16. 1900
Is Bessie Living now - Yes Sir
Do you know Odessa Woods - Yes
She is the mother of Odessa - Ella Moore
When was Odessa born - In 1901
~~Woods~~ you know she was born in 1901
She was born the summer after the
winter I was married and I was
married in Dec. 1900

Inus Carter

Seal

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 2nd day of February 1907

J I Gary
Notary Public

17-N.B.#72

Testimony of [illegible]

What is your name – Ella Moore
What is your P.O. address – Gay
How old are you – 26
Are you the mother of Bessie Moore – Yes
When was Bessie born – 7 years ago last X mas
She was not born 25th of December 1900 if she is
7 years old – No Sir
Why did you swear she was born in 1900
They must have understood me for I
know she was 7 years old last Christmas
Which child is the eldest Bessie or Edna
Bessie is almost 2 years older
Is Bessie and Edna both living – Yes
Who is the father of Edna – Ed Hoth
Was he your lawful husband – Yes

Witness to mark
Tiner Carter
J L Gary

Ella Moore
her X mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 2nd day of February 1907

J. F. Gray
U.S. Comm.

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Brade, I. T. Nov. 26, 1904.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

I received yours of the 17th requesting information concerning the affidavits of my minor children Odeser Woods and Besie Moore as Choctaw freedmen and if any application was made for their enrollment prior to December 25, 1902. Reply, yes. I had application made by C. B. Carter about 3 years ago but had no reply to it. Now you wants to know what my maiden name was. Reply. My father's name was Dempse Anderson, my mother's name is Pelinie Anderson, my name first was Ella Anderson. I claim my right to the Choctaw Nation as a freedman.

Respectfully yours,

Ella Moore.

17-744

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 5, 1904.

Ella Moore,

Braden, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of November 26, 1904, giving information whereby the Commission is enable to identify you as a Choctaw freedman whose enrollment as such was approved by the Secretary of the Interior September 26, 1903, under the name of Ella Anderson.

Referring to the affidavits of Ella Moore and Maggie Johnson relative to the birth of your minor daughter Bessie Moore December 25, 1900, also your minor daughter Odessa Woods July 9, 1901, received at this office November 17, 1904, and to that portion of your letter stating that application was made for the enrollment of said children as Choctaw freedmen before C. B. Carter, a Notary Public about three years ago, you are advised it does not appear from our records that any application for the enrollment of said children was received by this Commission within the time prescribed by law.

If it is still insisted that application was made for the enrollment of said children, you will be permitted to appear before the Commission at its office in Muskogee, Indian Territory,

E. M. #2

with witnesses for the purpose of establishing the fact that application for the enrollment of said children was made at the time stated by you and that the same were mailed to the Commission. It is important, however, that this matter be given prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

17 NB 72.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 14, 1906.

Nila Moore,

Braden, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your children, Odessa Woods and Bessie Woods, as minor Choctaw freedmen under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of these children showing whether or not they were living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

There are inclosed herewith new blanks which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the applications for the enrollment of these children.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Elberta Burris

M. Fr. 73

MINOR 73

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Elberta Burris

Decline to receive Feb 8 1907

Copy of Decision Forwarded Applicant Feb 8 1907

Copy of Decision Forwarded Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. Feb 8 1907

Record Forwarded Department. Feb 8 1907

Action Approved by Secretary of Interior Mar 1 1907

Notice of Departmental Action Forwarded Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. Apr 3 1907

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

Notice of Departmental Action Mailed Applicant. Apr 3 1907

Freedman N.B.73
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of
Freedman
INFANT CHILD

Elberta Burris

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Choctaw Freedmen

Approved 190

Commissioner.

Jul 26 1906.
N.B 73.
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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Elberta Burris (Here insert name of child), born on the 1st day of January, 1903

Name of Father: William Burris a citizen of the United States Nation.

Name of Mother: Lilly Parker Burris a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Postoffice Oak Lodge I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central DISTRICT.

I, Lillie Parker Burris, on oath state that I am 32 years of age and a citizen by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of William Burris, who is a citizen, by , of the United States Nation; that a female (Male or Female.) child was born to me on 1st day of January, 1903 that said child has been named Elberta Burris and is now living

Lille Parker Buris

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of July, 1906.

(SEAL) I H Windsor Notary Public.

My commission expires Oct 10, 1908

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central DISTRICT.

I, Catherine Hays, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Lilly Parker Burris, wife of William Burris on the 1st day of January, 1903; that there was born to her on said date a female (Male or Female.) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Elberta Burris

her
Catherine x Hayes
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) J. Wesley Smith

Sophia hall

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of July, 1906.

(SEAL) I. H. Windsor Notary Public.

My commission expires Oct 10 1908

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,
CHOCTAW LAND OFFICE.

Atoka, Indian Territory, December 27, 1906.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Elberta Burris, as a Choctaw freedman.

LILLY PARKER BURRIS, being first duly sworn testified as follows;

Examination by the Commissioner.

Q What is your name? A Lilly Parker Burris.
Q How old are you? A Thirty-four.
Q What is your Post Office address? A Oak Lodge, I.T.
Q Are you a Choctaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q Do you appear here to-day for the purpose of giving testimony in the matter of the application for the enrollment of your minor child, Elberta Burris, as a Choctaw freedman? A Yes sir.
Q Did you receive a letter from the Commissioner notifying you to appear here at the Choctaw Land Office before January 1, ~~1907~~ 1907, and give testimony in this matter? A Yes sir.
Q Are you the mother of Elberta Burris? A Yes sir.
Q Is Elberta Burris now living? A Yes sir.
Q mWhat is the name of your father? A Moses Parker.
Q What is the name of your mother? A Amanda Parker.
Q What kin are you to Pearl and Christopher Burris? A They are my children.

The name of Lilly Parker Burris appears opposite No. 1536 on the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen, and on Choctaw freedman field card No. 703, at No. 1 thereon.

Q What is the name of the father of Elberta Burris? A William Burris.
Q Is h a non-citizen? A Yes sir he claims to be.
Q Is he now living? A Yes sir, this is him here.
Q There was received by the Commissioner on July 26, 1906, an application for the enrollment of of Elberta Burris as a Choctaw freedman, and the affidavits of Lilly Parker Burris, the mother of Elberta Burris, and Catherine Hays, the mid-wife who was in attendance at the date of the birth of said child, which affidavits were signed and executed on July 24, 1906, before I. H. Windsor, a notary public; we e you present when these affidavits were signed and executed? A Yes sir I was there.
Q What did you do with this application and these affidavits after they had been signed and executed? A Mailed them.
Q Who did you mail them to? A To Muskogee.
Q Did you send them to Muskog e on July 24, 1906? A Yes sir, the same day.
Q At what Post Office did you deposit the letter enclosing these affidavits and this application? A Spiro, I.T.
Q Did you ever make application for the enrollment of Elberta Burris prior to July 24, 1906? A Yes sir.

Q When and where did you make application for the enrollment of this child before July 24, 1906? A At Oak Lodge the first time.
Q Whom did you go before at that time? A Jim Bowers.
Q Is he a notary public? A Yes sir.
Q When was that? A About one year after the child was born.
Q Well did you make any affidavits at that time? A Yes sir.
Q What became of these affidavits? A Jim Bowers said he was going to mail them.
Q Did he tell you he would mail them to the Commissioner?
A Yes sir.
Q Did you ever receive any letter from the Commissioner acknowledging receipt of the application you have just referred to?
A No sir, not that application.

Witness Excused.

I, Charles Bozarth, stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, on oath state that the above is a full, true and correct transcript of my stenographic notes as taken in said cause on said date.

Charles Bozarth

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 day of January, 1907.

W. T. Angell

Notary Public.

17-NB-73.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the alleged application for the enrollment of Elberta Burris as a Choctaw freedman.

It appears from the record herein that on July 26, 1906, there was received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes written application for the enrollment of Elberta Burris as a Choctaw freedman.

On December 27, 1906, Lilly Parker Burris, the mother of the applicant, appeared before the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Atoka, Indian Territory, and gave testimony for the purpose of showing whether or not application had been made for the enrollment of said applicant as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137).

On said date Lilly Parker Burris testified that she executed affidavits in the matter of the enrollment of the applicant on July 24, 1906, before I. H. Windsor, a notary public and that she deposited a letter inclosing the affidavits at Spiro, Indian Territory, on the same date. She further testified that about a year after the birth of the child, who was born January 1, 1903, she executed affidavits before Jim Bowers, a notary public, who promised that he would mail them to the Commissioner, but she never received any letter acknowledging receipt of the same.

It does not appear from the records of this office that any application of any nature whatsoever had been made for the enrollment of said applicant as a Choctaw freedman prior to July 26, 1906.

I am of the opinion that the evidence fails to establish that any application was made for the enrollment of Elberta Burris as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), and that, therefore, I am without authority to receive or consider or make any record of any application for her enrollment as such and that I should decline to receive or consider the same, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,
FEB 8 - 1907.

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 8, 1907 .

William Burris,

Oak Lodge, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 8, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Elberta Burris as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.

Incl. 17-MB-73

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 8, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 8, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Elberta Burris as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Incl. 17-NB-73

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 8, 1907.

The Honorable ,

The Secretary of the Interior:

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Elberta Burris as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 8, 1907, declining to receive or consider said application.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

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Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

WASHINGTON

March 1, 1907.

B.C. 12204-1907.
I.T.D. 5559,5560,5562,5564,5578-1907.
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Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Your decisions in the following Choctaw citizenship cases adverse to the applicants are hereby affirmed. Copies of Indian Office letters submitting your reports and recommending that the decisions be affirmed are inclosed:

Title of Case.	Date of your letter of transmittal.
Arizona Goddard, et al.	January 25, 1907.
Ollie E. Osbirn	January 11, 1907.
John Thomas Owens, et al.	January 10, 1907.
Alfred F. Barbour,	January 11, 1907.
Newton Hall (freedman)	February 9, 1907.
Bertha May Williams, et al.	December 1, 1906.
Lorey Brashears (freedman)	February 8, 1907.
J. H. La Rue Moore	December 24, 1906.
Florence E. Reeves,	January 28, 1907.
Della Ellis, et al.(Chocaw Chick.)	January 4, 1907.
Alberta Burris (freedman)	February 8, 1907.
Eldridge Lee Kirtland	January 28, 1907.
Clarence Henry Maddox, et al.	December 24, 1906.
Retta M. Morgan	January 28, 1907.
Boyd Walker	January 4, 1907.

A copy hereof and all the papers in the above mentioned cases have been sent to the Indian Office.

Respectfully,

Jesse E. Wilson,
Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON

February 25, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is enclosed a record of the proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Elberta Burris as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 8, 1907, adverse to the applicant.

The record shows that on July 26, 1906, there was received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes a written application for the enrollment of Elberta Burris as a Choctaw freedman. On December 27, 1906, Lilly Parker Burris, the mother of the applicant, appeared before the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes and gave testimony for the purpose of showing whether application had been made for the enrollment of the applicant as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by law.

Commissioner Bixby says that it does not appear from the records of his office that any application of any nature was made for the enrollment of the applicant prior to July 26, 1906.

Therefore, by reason of the provisions of the Act of April 26,

1906 (34 Stat. L., 137), the office concurs in the decision of Commissioner Bixby denying the enrollment of the applicant as a Choctaw freedman.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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17-MB-73

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 8, 1907.

William Burris,

Oak Lodge, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on March 1, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of February 8, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Elberta Burris as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rodgers.

Acting Commissioner.

17-NB-73

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 3, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that on March 1, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of February 8, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Elberta Burris as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rodgers.

Acting Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory. September 25, 1906.

William Burris,

Oak Lodge, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There have been received at this office affidavits of Lilly Parker Burris and Catherine Hayes to the birth of Elberta Burris child of William and Lilly Parker Burris, January 1, 1903.

You will be notified of such action as is taken in regard to the affidavits to the birth of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 1, 1906.

Lilly Parker Burris,

Oak Lodge, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

It appears from the records of the Commissioner that an application was received at this office on July 26, 1906, for the enrollment of your child Elberta Burris, as a Choctaw freedman.

You are advised that the time within which applications could be received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of minor children under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expired July 25, 1906.

It has recently been held by the Department that the minor children of Choctaw freedmen who were living on March 4, 1906, are entitled to enrollment provided application was made within the time prescribed by law, or prior to July 25, 1906.

If it is claimed that such an application was made for the enrollment of your child above named prior to July 25, 1906, you should appear before the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka, Indian Territory, any time prior to Januar 1, 1907, for the purpose of pre-

senting testimony relative to the submission of such ap lication within the required time.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 5, 1907.

Wm. Burris,

Oak Lodge, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of August 2, 1907, in which you ask to be advised of the action of the Secretary of the Interior in the Choctaw freedman case of Elberta Burris.

In reply to your letter you are advised that on March 1, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of February 8, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Elberta Burris as a Choctaw freedman for the reason that the same was not receive within the time provided by the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 74
Elizabeth Lynch

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MINOR

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Elizabeth Lynch

Decline to Receive Feb 11 1907

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation Nation,
of Elisabeth Lynch, born on the 27 day of January, 1903
(Here insert name of child)
Name of Father: Geo. W. Lynch a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Name of Mother: Adline Lynch, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Post-office Boktuklo I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Adline Lynch, on oath state that I am Sixty Eight years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Geo W. Lynch, who is a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Female child was born to me on 27 day of January, 1903; that said child has been named Elisabeth Lynch, and is now living.

(Male or female)

Adoline Lynch

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of April 1904.

F. D. McCurtain
NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Elsie Gardner, a Mid Wife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Adline Lynch, wife of Geo W Lynch on the 27 day of January, 1903; that there was born to her on said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named
(MALE OR FEMALE)
Elisabeth Lynch

her
Elsie X Gardner
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Buck Buttler
G W Lynch

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9 day of April, 1904.

F. D. McCurtain
NOTARY PUBLIC.

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN

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71.B.74 IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Elizabeth Lynch

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved 190

Commissoner.

Born January 27, 1903.

Received

APR 12 1904

Elizabeth

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

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a citizen of the

..... *Nation.*

Approved *190*

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Elizabeth Lynch (Here insert name of deceased.)

~~an~~ applicant for enrollment as a freedman

a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near

Bokchito (Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter., and died on the 20th day of

September, 1905

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, }
Central DISTRICT. }

I, Adaline Lynch, on oath state that I am 41 years of age and a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that my postoffice address is Bokchito (Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter.; that I am the mother (State relationship as the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) of Elizabeth Lynch (Here insert name of deceased.) who was a ~~citizen by~~ applicant for enroll. as freedman, of the Choctaw Nation and that said Elizabeth Lynch (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 20 day of September, 1905.

adaline Lynch

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Witnesses.) { ..... }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of January, 1907.

Richard Shanabrit
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, }
Central DISTRICT. }

I, Mattie Folsom, on oath state that I am 36 years of age, and a ~~citizen by~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that my postoffice address is Bokchito, I. T. (Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Elizabeth Lynch (Here insert name of deceased.) who was a ~~citizen by~~ applicant for enroll as freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; and that said Elizabeth Lynch (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the 20 day of September, 1905.

Mattie Folsom

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two Witnesses.) { ..... }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of January, 1907.

Richard Shanabrit
Notary Public.

JAN 2 3 1907

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Elizabeth Lynch

Freedman

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

It appearing from the within affidavits that the applicant Lizabeth Lynch was born subsequent to Sept. 25, 1902, and died prior to April 26, 1906 I am of the opinion that under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), I am without authority to receive, consider or make any record of any application for the enrollment of said Lizabeth Lynch as a Choctaw freedman and therefore I should decline to receive the same, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS. APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ freedmen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Lyabeth Lynch, born on the 21 day of Jonuary 1903
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: George Lynch freedmen citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Adoline Lynch ~~freedmen~~ citizen of the Choctaw ~~Nation~~.

Tribal enrollment of father Choctaw freedmen Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw freedmen

Postoffice Bokchito, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Adoline Lynch on oath state that I am 41
years of age and a citizen by freedmen blood of the Choctaw Nation;
that I am the lawful wife of George Lynch, who is a citizen, by freedmen
blood of the Choctaw Nation; that a female child was
born to me on 21st day of January 1903 that said child has been named
Lyabeth Lynch and ~~was living March 4, 1906~~.

Adoline Lynch

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of January 1906

W Cleaveville
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Georgiana James, a midwife, on oath state that I
attended on Adoline Lynch wife of George Lynch
on the 21st ~~day of~~ January 1903; that there was born to her on said date a female
[Male or Female]
child; that said child ~~was living March 4, 1906~~, and is said to have been named
Lyabeth Lynch

Georgiana James

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of January 1906

W Cleaveville
Notary Public

17 NB 74.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 14, 1906.

George W. Lynch,

Bokchito, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Elizabeth Lynch, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not she was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 26, 1907.

George Lynch,

Bokchito, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Adaline Lynch and Georgiana James to the birth of Lizabeth Lynch, child of George and Adaline Lynch, January 21, 1903, and the same have been filed in the matter of the enrollment of said child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-NB-74.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 14, 1907.

Geo. W. Lynch,

Bokchito, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that it appearing from the records of this office that your minor child, Elizabeth Lynch, died prior to March 4, 1906, the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes on February 11, 1907, declined to receive the application for her enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 75

Leroy Lewis

(jacket empty)

M. Fr. 75

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ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Leroy Lewis

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Dennis Lewis

Eliza Lewis

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MINOR

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Sallie Lewis
Dennis Lewis
Eliza Lewis

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NB 76 *IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Sallie Lewis

as a citizen of the

Choctaw *Nation.*

Approved _____ *190*__

Commissioner.

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN

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NB. 76

Original Application Received Dec. 10. 1902

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 20

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Sallie Lewis (Here insert name of child), born on the 15th day of April, 1902.

Name of Father: —, a citizen of the — Nation.

Name of Mother: Rosa Lewis, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Post-Office: Tushkahomma I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Rosa Lewis, on oath state that I am 30 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of —, who is a citizen, by —, of the — Nation, that a female (Male or female.) child was born to me on the 15th day of April, 1902; that said child has been named Sallie Lewis, and is now living. and I further swear that I was entirely alone when this child was born

Rosa X Lewis
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) J. Dwarriner, Wm O. Bynum

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 *day of* December *1902.*

H. H. Tisdale
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, ____ District.

I, ____, a ____, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. ____, wife of ____, on the ____ day of ____, 190__; that there was born to her on said date a ____ (Male or female.) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named ____.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) ____, ____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ *day of* ____ *190__.*

Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Lillie Lewis
Freedman
as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved..... 190...

FEB 16 1907

Commissioner.

Date of Birth
April 15, 1900

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Original application
received Sept 26 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Sallie Lewis [Here insert name of child] born on the 15th day of April 900

Name of Father: Unknown a citizen of the ... Nation.

Name of Mother: Rosa Lewis a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ... Tribal enrollment of mother ...

Postoffice Tuskahoma, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
... District. }

I, Riley Frazier, on oath state that I am 64 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the ~~lawful wife~~ Father of Rosa Lewis now dead, who is a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that a Female [Male or Female] child was born to ~~me~~ Rosa Lewis on the 15th day of April 1900; that said child has been named Sallie Lewis and was living March 4, 1906.

Riley His X Frazier
Mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] } A. G. Gladney
W. H. Walsh

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of Feby, 1907

W. H. Walsh
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Atoka District. }

I, Lucy Nail, a ..., on oath state that I am ~~attended on~~ acquainted with Rosa Lewis, now ~~wife of~~ dead and know that about on the 15th day of April 1900 ~~there was born to her on said date~~ a Female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Sallie Lewis

Lucy Her X Nail
Mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] } E. L. Kindrick
W. H. Walsh

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of Feby 1907

W. H. Walsh
Notary Public.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 20

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as ~~a citizen~~ of the Freedman Choctaw Nation,

of Sallie Lewis (Here insert name of child.), born on the 15 day of Oct, 1900

Name of Father: Unknown a citizen of the Nation.

Name of Mother: Rosa Lewis a ~~citizen~~ of the Freedman Choctaw Nation.

Postoffice Tuskahoma I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, } Eufaul DISTRICT.

I, Ed Kendricks, on oath state that I am 40 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Non Citizen, of the Nation; that I am the ~~lawful wife of~~ acquainted with Rosa Lewis now dead, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a female (Male or Female.) child was born to ~~me~~ her on about 15th day of October, 900 that said child has been named Sallie Lewis, and is now living.

Ed Kendricks

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) { ..... }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of February, 1907.

W D Mashburn

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, } Eufaul DISTRICT.

I, Levi Springs, a ....., on oath state that I was ~~attended on Mrs.~~ acquainted with Rosa Lewis, ~~wife of~~ and know that on the about 15th day of October, 900 ~~that~~ there was born to her ~~on said date~~ a female (Male or Female.) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Sallie Lewis

Levi Springs

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) { ..... }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of February, 1907.

W D Mashburn

Notary Public.

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NB76 *IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Dennis Lewis

as a citizen of the

Choctaw *Nation.*

Approved _____ 190__

Commissioner.

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Dennis Lewis (Here insert name of child.), born on the 17th day of October, 1902
Name of Father: —, a citizen of the — Nation.
Name of Mother: Rosa Lewis, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Post-Office: Tushkahomma I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Rosa Lewis, on oath state that I am 30 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of —, who is a citizen, by —, of the — Nation, that a male (Male or female.) child was born to me on the 17th day of October 1902; that said child has been named Dennis Lewis, and is now living.
and I further swear I was entirely alone when this child was born

Rosa X Lewis
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.) J. O'Harriman
Wm C Burns

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of December 1902.

H. E. Pisteen
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, _____ District.

I, _____, a _____, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. _____, wife of _____, on the _____ day of _____, 190__; that there was born to her on said date a _____ (Male or female.) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named _____.

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.) _____
_____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 190__.

_____
Notary Public.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as ~~a citizen~~ of the Freedman Choctaw Nation,

of Dennis Lewis [Here insert name of child], born on the 17th day of Oct 1902

Name of Father: Unknown a citizen of the ..... Nation.

Name of Mother: Rosa Lewis a ~~citizen~~ of the Freedman Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Muskogee I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
..... District. }

I, Riley Frazier, on oath state that I am 6 K years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that ~~I am the lawful wife of~~ father Rosa Lewis, now dead, who is a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to ~~me~~ Rosa Lewis on the 17th day of October 1902; that said child has been named Dennis Lewis and was living March 4, 1906.

Riley His X Frazier
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { A G Gladney
W Martin }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of Feby 1907

W Martin
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Lucy Nail, a ....., on oath state that I ~~attended on~~ acquainted with Rosa Lewis ~~wife of~~ and know that on the 17th day of Oct 1902 ~~that~~ there was born to her ~~on said date~~ a Male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Dennis Lewis

Lucy Her X Nail
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { Ed Tindoll
W M Martin }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of Feby 1907

W Martin
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Dennis Lewis

as a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of

Choctaw Nation

Approved _____ 190

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Commissioner.

Date of Birth

Oct 17. 1902.

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Original application received April 26 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 20

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as ~~a citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Dennis Lewis (Here insert name of child.), born on the 17th day of Oct, 1902

Name of Father: Unknown, a citizen of the ..... Nation.

Name of Mother: Rosa Lewis, ~~a citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Postoffice Tuskahoma I T

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, }
Central DISTRICT. }

I, Ed Kindrick, on oath state that I am 40 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Non Citizen of the ..... Nation;
acquainted with
that I am the ~~lawful wife of~~ Rosa Lewis, now dead, who is a ~~citizen, by~~
Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male (Male or Female.) child was
her
born to ~~me~~ on about 17th day of October, 1902, that said child has been named
Dennis Lewis, ~~and is now living~~, and was living march 4, 1906

Ed Kindrick

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of Feby, 1907.

W D Martin
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, }
Central DISTRICT. }

I, Levi Springs, on oath state that I am
acquainted with
~~attended on Mrs.~~ Rosa Lewis ~~wife of~~ and know that
on the 17th day of October, 1902, ~~that~~ there was born to her ~~on said date~~ a Male (Male or Female.)
child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Dennis Lewis

Levi Springs

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of February, 1907.

W D Martin
Notary Public.

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Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Eliza Lewis

as a citizen of the

Choctaw Nation.

Approved _____ 190__

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Elsie Lewis (Here insert name of child.), born on the 17th day of October, 1902

Name of Father: Unknown, a citizen of the ____ Nation.

Name of Mother: Rosa Lewis, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Post-Office: Tuskahoma I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Rosa Lewis, on oath state that I am 30 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of ____, who is a citizen, by ____, of the ____ Nation, that a female (Male or female.) child was born to me on the 17th day of October 1902; that said child has been named Elsie Lewis, and is now living. and I further swear that Owing entirely alone when born Rosa

Rosa X Lewis
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) J. D. Warriner
Wm C. Bunn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 *day of* December *1902.*

A. G. Risteen
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, ____ District.

I, ____, a ____, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. ____, wife of ____, on the ____ day of ____, 190__; that there was born to her on said date a ____ (Male or female) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named ____.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses.) ____
____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ *day of* ____ *190__.*

Notary Public.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 20

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ of the Freedman Choctaw Nation,

of Eliza Lewis (Here insert name of child.), born on the 17th day of Oct, 1902

Name of Father: Unknown, a citizen of the Nation.

Name of Mother: Rosa Lewis, a ~~citizen~~ of the Freedman Choctaw Nation.

Postoffice Tuskahoma I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, }
Cubal DISTRICT. }

I, Ed Kindrick, on oath state that I am 40 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Non citizen, of the ~~Nation~~; that I am ~~the lawful wife of~~ acquainted with Rosa Lewis, now dead, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Female (Male or Female.) child was born to ~~me~~ her about on the 17th day of October 1902, that said child has been named Eliza Lewis, and is now living.

Ed Kindrick

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of Feby, 1907.

W.T. Martin
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, }
Cubal DISTRICT. }

I, Levi Springs, ~~a~~, on oath state that I ~~was~~ ~~attended on Mrs.~~ acquainted with Rosa Lewis ~~wife of~~ and know that on the 17th day of October, 1902, ~~that~~ there was born to her ~~on said date~~ a Female (Male or Female.) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Eliza Lewis

Levi Springs

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of February, 1907.

W.T. Martin
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Eliza Lewis Freeman

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved..... 190...

..... Commissioner.

Daisy Beth
Oct 17 1907

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Original application received at Ogden Ind. Ter. 6-1907

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ of the Freedman Choctaw Nation,

of Eliza Lewis [Here insert name of child], born on the 17th day of October 1902

Name of Father: Unknown a citizen of the Nation.

Name of Mother: Rosa Lewis a ~~citizen~~ of the Freedman Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Tribal enrollment of mother

Postoffice Sworkahoma I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
..... District. }

I, Wiley Frazier, on oath state that I am 64 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the ~~father~~ mother of Rosa Lewis, now dead, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was born to ~~me~~ Rosa Lewis on the 17th day of October 1902; that said child has been named Eliza Lewis and was living March 4, 1906.

Wiley his ✕ mark Frazier

WITNESSES TO MARK: H. Gladney
[Must be Two Witnesses] W.M. Martin

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of July 1906

W.M. Martin
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Lucy Nail, a ....., on oath state that I ~~attended on~~ am acquainted with Rosa Lewis, now dead ~~wife of~~ and know that on the 17th day of Oct 1902 ~~that~~ there was born to her ~~on said date~~ a female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Eliza Lewis

Lucy her ✕ mark Nail

WITNESSES TO MARK: Ed Hendricks
[Must be Two Witnesses] W.M. Martin

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of July 1906

W.M. Martin
Notary Public.

17 Nb 76.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 15, 1906.

Rosa Lewis,

Tuskahoma, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your children, Sallie Lewis, Dennis Lewis and Eliza Lewis, as minor Choctaw freedmen under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of these children showing whether or not they were living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

It appears from your own affidavit in each apolication that there was no attending physician or midwife at the birth of any of these children. You are advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with the affidavits of two disinterested persons to the birth of each child. These persons must know the name of the mother, date of the child's birth and whether or not it was living March 4, 1906.

There is herewith inclosed new blanks which you are

R.L. 2.

requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the applications for the enrollment of these children.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

3 B.C.

Choc. M. Fr. 77

Eva Lewis

M. Fr. 77

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MINOR

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Eva Lewis

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Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Eva Lewis

as a citizen of the

Choctaw *Nation.*

Approved _____ *190*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Eva Lewis (Here insert name of child), born on the 26 day of Nov, 190 2

Name of Father: Nip Lewis, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Jinsie Lewis, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Post-Office: Purkerchown I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District. }

I, Jinsie Lewis, on oath state that I am 39 years of age and a citizen, by Blood, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Nip Lewis, who is a citizen, by Blood, of the Choctaw Nation, that a female (Male or female) child was born to me on the 26 day of November 190 2, that said child has been named Eva Lewis, and is now living.

Jinsie her X Lewis
Mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses) } W M Orr
Geo O Ewing

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of January 190 3.

Dan Morgan
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District. }

I, Nip Lewis, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Jinsie Lewis, wife of Nip Lewis, on the 26 day of November, 190 2, that there was born to her on said date a Female (Male or female) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Eva Lewis.

Nip his X Lewis
Mark

WITNESSES TO MARK.

(Must be Two Witnesses) } W M Orr
Geo O Ewing

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of January 190 3.

Dan Morgan
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

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as a citizen of

..... Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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COMMISSIONER.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choc Nation,

of Eva Lewis [Here insert name of child], born on the 26th day of Nov 1902

Name of Father: Nip Lewis a citizen of the Choc Nation.

Name of Mother: Jinsy Lewis a citizen of the Choc Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father 1396 Tribal enrollment of mother 1397

Postoffice Tuskahoma, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Jinsy Lewis on oath state that I am about 43 years of age and a citizen by Freedmen of the Choc Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Nip Lewis, who is a citizen, by Freedmen of the Choc Nation; that a Female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 26th day of November 1902 that said child has been named Eva Lewis, and was living March 4, 1906.

her
Jinsy X Lewis
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

W M Orr
J A Beatright

[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of Dec 1906.

P. W. Hudson
Notary Public

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Nip Lewis a Husband, on oath state that I attended on Jinsy Lewis, wife of Mine on the 26th day of Nov 1902, ~~that there was born to her on said date a~~ Female [Male or Female] child: that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Eva Lewis

his
Nip X Lewis
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

W M Orr
J A Beatright

[Must be Two witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of Dec 1906.

My Com. Expires Dec 29. 1909

P. W. Hudson
Notary Public.

Jcc

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Eva Lewis Friedman

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved..... 190...

FEB 5 1907

Commissioner.

Date of Birth
Nov 26 1902.

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Original application
received [illegible]

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ of the Freedmen Choctaw Nation.

of Eva Lewis [Here insert name of child], born on the 26th day of Nov 1902

Name of Father: Nip Lewis, a ~~citizen~~ of the Freedman Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Jinsy Lewis, a ~~citizen~~ of the Freed Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Tuskahoma I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Lucy Nail, on oath state that I am over 21 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Nip Lewis, who is a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a female child was born to ~~me~~ Jinsy Lewis on the 26th day of November 1902; that said child has been named Eva Lewis and was living March 4, 1906.

Lucy her X Nail
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

W M Nail

[Must be Two Witnesses] Lewis Spring

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of Feby 1906

W M Martin
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Lewis Spring, a ~~midwife~~, on oath state that I ~~attended~~ am acquainted with Jinsy Lewis, wife of Nip Lewis; I know that on the 26th day of Nov 1902, ~~that~~ there was born to her ~~on said date~~ a female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Eva Lewis

Lewis Spring

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of Feby 1906

W M Martin
Notary Public.

17 NB 77.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 15, 1906.

Nip Lewis,

Tuskahoma, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Eva Lewis, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not she was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

There is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

17-NB-77

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 5, 1907.

Nip Lewis,

Tuskahoma, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Jinsy Lewis and Nip Lewis to the birth of Eva Lewis, child of Nip and Jinsy Lewis, November 26, 1902, and the same have been filed in the matter of the enrollment of said child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 78

Jennie May Lewis

M. Fr. 78

MINOR

ENROLLMENT

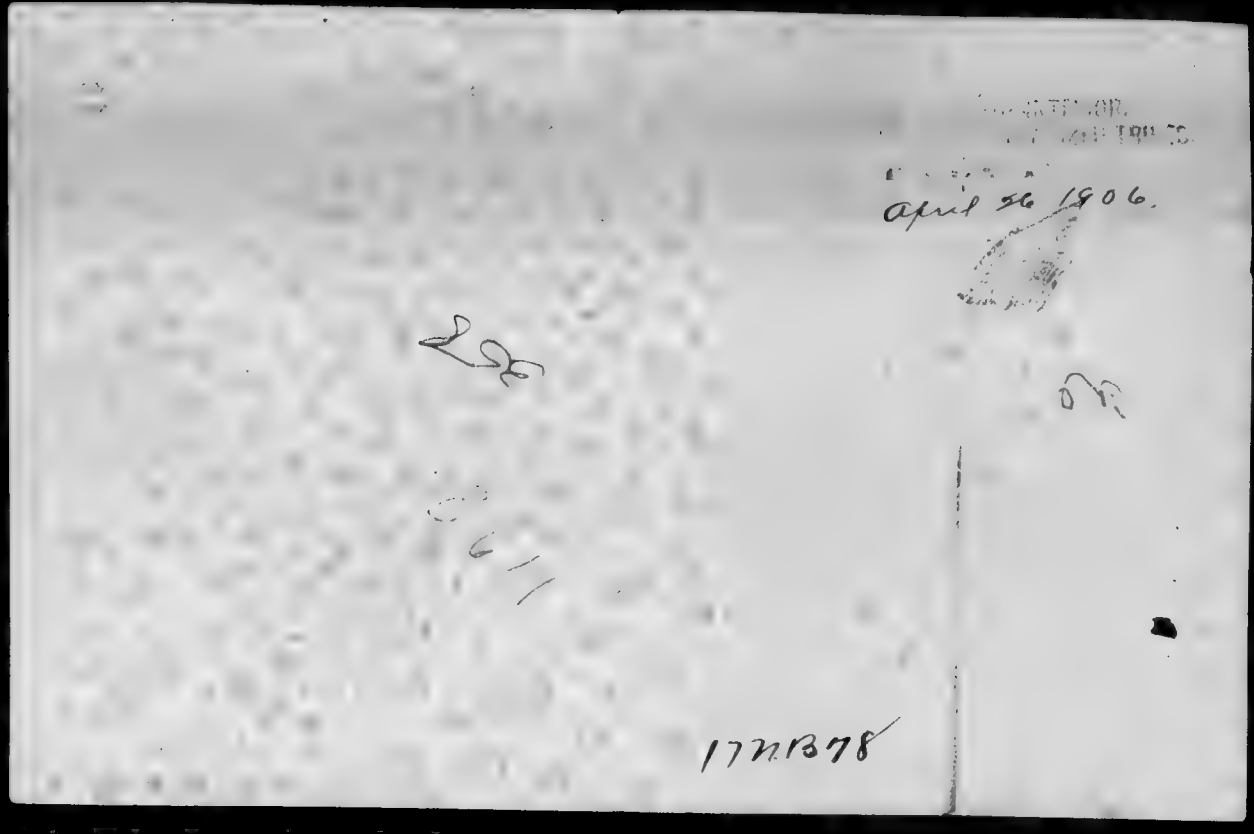
CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Jennie May Lewis

GRANTED Feb 18 1907

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26 1906

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April 26 1906.

Eagle County
I J

This is to certify
I Solemnize the
Marriage Matrimonie
Betwen Mr. Simon Louis
Miss Ellen Peachtyon
on the 22 Day of
July 1900 Witness
my hand this
Day 22 of July 1900

Rev J. A. Johnson

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Jennie May Lewis

as a citizen of the

Choctaw Nation.

Approved _____ 190

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,
of Jennie May Lewis, born on the 2nd day of May, 1902
(Here insert name of child)
Name of Father: Tim Lewis, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.
Name of Mother: Ellen K Lewis, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.
Post-Office: Englewood Ind. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
INDIAN TERRITORY, }
Sth District. }

I, Ellen K Lewis, on oath state that I am 20 years of age and a citizen, by birth, of the Cherokee Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Tim Lewis, who is a citizen, by birth, of the Cherokee Nation, that a female child was born to me on the 2nd day of May 1902; that said child has been named Jennie May Lewis, and is now living.

Ellen K Lewis

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of December 190__.

J R Mullen
Notary Public.
My com exp. Jan 21st 1904

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
INDIAN TERRITORY, }
Sth District. }

I, Frances Walker, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Ellen K Lewis, wife of Tim Lewis, on the 2nd day of May, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Jennie May Lewis.

her
Frances X Walker
mark
Midwife

WITNESSES TO MARK.

(Must be Two Witnesses.) }
Jonas Killahunsky
Alex Polk.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of May 1902.

J R Mullen
Notary Public.
My com exp. Jan 21st 1904

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

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as a citizen of

..... Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ of the Freedman Choctaw Nation,

of Jennie May Lewis [Here insert name of child] born on the 2nd day of May 1902

Name of Father: Sim Lewis a Freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Ellen Lewis nee Pitchlynn a Freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Boswell I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Ellen Lewis, on oath state that I am 24 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Sim Lewis, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 2nd day of May 1902 that said child has been named Jennie May Lewis and was living March 4, 1906.

Ellen Lewis

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] .....

.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of January 1907

W.W. Mansell

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
..... District. }

I, ..., a....., on oath state that I attended on ....., wife of .....

on the .....day of ..... 1..... ; that there was born to her on said date a ..... [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named .....

.....

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] .....

.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... 1906.

.....

Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

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as a citizen of

..... Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Freedman Choctaw Nation,

of Jennie May Lewis, born on the 2nd day of May 1902
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: Sim Lewis, a citizen of the Freedman Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother Ellen Lewis, a citizen of the Freedman Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Boktoma, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
..... District. }

I, ..., on oath state that I am .....

years of age and a citizen by ....., of the ..... Nation;

that I am the lawful wife of ....., who is a citizen, by

....., of the ..... Nation; that a .....child was
[Male or Female]

born to me on .....day of ....., 1.....; that said child has been named

..... and was living March 4, 1906.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... 1906.

.....
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
..... District. }

I, Frances Walker, a mid wife, on oath state that I

attended on Ellen Lewis, wife of Sim Lewis

on the 2nd day of May, 1902 that there was born to her on said date a female
[Male or Female]

child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Jennie May

Lewis

.....

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] { .....
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... 1906.

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Notary Public.

17-NB-78.
W.A.B.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Jennie May Lewis as a Choctaw freedman.

D E C I S I O N.

It appears from the record herein that application was duly made to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of Jennie May Lewis as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, (34 Stats., 137).

It further appears from the record herein and from the records in the possession of this office that the applicant was born March 2, 1902, was living on March 4, 1906, and is the daughter of Ellen Lewis whose name appears as Ellen Pitchlynn opposite No. 916 upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior March 6, 1903, and Sim Lewis, whose name appears opposite No. 749 upon the roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior March 6, 1903.

I am, therefore, of the opinion that Jennie May Lewis should be enrolled as a Choctaw freedman under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, (34 Stats., 137) as amended by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 21, 1906, (34 Stats., 325), and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 23, 1907.

Sim Lewis,

Bokhoma, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 18, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of Jennie May Lewis as a Choctaw freedman.

You are hereby advised that the name of Jennie May Lewis has been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval. You will be notified of Departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.
Incl. 17-NB-78.

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 23, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 16, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of Jennie May Lewis as a Choctaw freedman.

You are hereby advised that the name of Jennie May Lewis has been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval. You will be notified of Departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.
Incl. 17-NB-78.

17 NB 78.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 15, 1906.

Sim Lewis,

Eagletown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Jennie May Lewis, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not she was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

It appears from these affidavits in the possession of this office that they are defective in form, in that the venue of each one is made out for the ninth district of the Indian Territory, while the Notary's seal shows that they were made in Sevier County, Arkansas.

There is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at

S. L. 2.

an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

17-NB-78

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 9, 1907.

Sim Lewis,

Eagletown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your minor child, Jennie May Lewis, as a Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby requested to furnish this office, at once, with the affidavits of two disinterested persons to the birth of this child and such persons must know the names of the parents, the date on which this child was born and whether or not she was living March 4, 1906.

This matter must receive your immediate attention and your neglect or failure to furnish the required proof in time may deprive this child of such rights to enrollment as a Choctaw freedman, as she may have.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-NB-78

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 11, 1907.

Sim Lewis,

Bokhoma, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of January 29, 1907, returning the blank application which was sent you and stating that you cannot find the midwife as she is not at home and you ask for further information.

In reply to your letter you are advised that you should forward at once the affidavits of two disinterested witnesses who know of the birth of your child Jennie May Lewis, the date of her birth, the names of her parents, and that she was living March 4, 1906. This matter should receive your <u>immediate</u> attention in order that disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 79

Odas Bassett

Earnest Bassett

M. Fr. 79

MINOR

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ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Odas Bassett
Earnest Bassett.

GRANTED Feb 18 1907

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL [illegible]

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the a plications for the enrollment of Odas Bassett and Earnest Bassett as Choctaw freedman.

17-NB-79.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Odas Bassett

~~a citizen of~~
Freedman

Choctaw Nation.

Approved 190

Commissioner.

N.B. 7.

Received
Apr 26 '06.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Odas Bassett (Here insert name of child.), born on the 16th day of Sept, 1902

Name of Father: Eddie Bassett, Freed a ~~citizen~~ of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Dora Bassett, non-Freed a ~~citizen~~ of the " Nation.

Postoffice Hugo I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, } DISTRICT.

I, Dora Bassett, on oath state that I am 21 years of age and a citizen ~~by~~ of the U.S.A. Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Eddie Bassett (Roll # 3187) who is a citizen, by Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a male (Male or Female.) child was born to me on 16th day of Sept, 1902 that said child has been named Odas Bassett, and was living March 4, 1905.

Dora + Bassett

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) { W. P. Covington. / L. W. Stone }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of March, 1906.

Lacey P Cobb

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, } DISTRICT.

I, Elsie Pryor, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Dora Bassett, wife of Eddie Bassett on the 16th day of Sept, 1902 that there was born to her on said date a male (Male or Female.) child; that said child was living March 4, 1905, and is said to have been named Odas Bassett

Elsie + Pryor
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) { L. W. Stone / W. P. Covington }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of March, 1906.

Lacey P Cobb

Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

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as a citizen of

..... Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

FEB 1907

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Odas Bassett [Here insert name of child] born on the 16 day of September 1903

Name of Father: Eddie Bassett a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Dora Bassett (nee Rogers) a Non citizen of the Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father. C. 3187 Tribal enrollment of mother.

Postoffice Hugo Indian Territory

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Dora Bassett, on oath state that I am 22 years of age and a Non citizen by ..., of the ... Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Eddie Bassett, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 16th day of September 1903.; that said child has been named Odas Bassett and was living March 4, 1906.

Dora Bassett

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { ...
... }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of February 1907

Earl Patterson
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Elsie Pryor, a Mid-wife, on oath state that I attended on Dora Bassett, wife of Eddie Bassett on the 16th day of ~~September~~ 1903; that there ~~was born to her on said date a~~ Male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Odas Bassett

Elsie her + mark Pryor

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { W. M. Maynard
Earl Patterson }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of January 1907

Earl Patterson
Notary Public.

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IN RE
Application for Enrollment of
INFANT CHILD

Earnest Bassett

~~a citizen of~~ xx
Freedman

Choctaw Nation.

Approved ..... 190...

Commissioner.

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Received
Apr 26 '06.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Earnest Bassett (Here insert name of child.), born on the 2nd day of October, 1904

Name of Father: Eddie Bassett (Roll # 3187 a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Dora Bassett a ~~citizen~~ non-Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Postoffice Hugo I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, } DISTRICT.

I, Dora Bassett, on oath state that I am 21 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ non citizen, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Eddie Bassett (Roll # 3187, who is a citizen, by Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a male (Male or Female.) child was born to me on 2nd day of October, 1904 that said child has been named Earnest Bassett, and was living March 4, 1905.

her
Dora + Bassett
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) { W. P. Covington
J. W. Stone

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of March, 1906.

Lacey P. Lobo
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, } DISTRICT.

I, Elsie Pryor, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Dora Bassett, wife of Eddie Bassett on the 2nd day of October, 1904 ~~that there was born to her on said date a~~ male (Male or Female.) child; that said child was living March 4, 1905, and is said to have been named Earnest Bassett

her
Elsie + Pryor
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) { J. W. Stone
W. P. Covington

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of March, 1906.

Lacey P. Lobo
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

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as a citizen of

..... Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Earnest Bassett [Here insert name of child], born on the 2 day of October 1904

Name of Father: Eddie Bassett a citizen of the Nation.

Name of Mother: Dora Bassett (nee Rogers) a citizen of the Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father 8318 Tribal enrollment of mother

Postoffice Hugo I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, Central District.

I, Dora Bassett, on oath state that I am 22 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Nom, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Eddie Bassett, who is a ~~citizen by~~ freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 2nd day of October 1904; that said child has been named Earnest Bassett and was living March 4, 1906.

Dora Bassett

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] ~~W. M. May~~

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of February 1907

Earl Patterson
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, Central District.

I, Elsie Pryor, a Mid-Wife, on oath state that I attended on Dora Bassett, wife of Eddie Bassett on the 2nd day of October 1904; that there was born to her on said date a Male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Earnest Bassett

Elsie her (X) mark Pryor

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] W. M. Maynard

Earl Patterson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 st day of January 1907

Earl Patterson
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Otho Bassett

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

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FEB 16 1907

Commissioner.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS. APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Odas Bassett [Here insert name of child], born on the 16th day of Sept 1902

Name of Father: Eddie Bassett a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Dora Bassett not a citizen ~~of the~~ ~~Nation.~~

Tribal enrollment of father: Freedman No. 3157 ~~Tribal enrollment of mother~~

Postoffice Sturgis Ind. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Dora Bassett, on oath state that I am 22 years of age and a citizen by ~~blood~~ of the ~~Choctaw~~ Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Eddie Bassett, who is a citizen, by Choctaw Freedman Nation; that a male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 16th day of September 1902; that said child has been named Odas Bassett and was living March 4, 1906.

her
Dora X Bassett
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] J M Willis
J E Ennis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of January 1907

my Com Expires Oct 30/1909 D F Robbins
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Elsie Pryor, a Mid Wife, on oath state that I attended on Dora Bassett, wife of Eddie Bassett on the 16th day of Sept 1902; that there was born to her on said date a male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Odas Bassett

her
Elsie X Pryor
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] Johnson Billy

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of Jan 1907

my Com Expires Oct 30/1909 D F Robbins
Notary Public.

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Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Earnest Bassett

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

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FEB 18 1907

Commissioner.

Ed Bassett

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Earnest Bassett, born on the 2 day of Oct. 1904
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: Eddie Bassett a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Dora Bassett nee a citizen of ~~the~~ ~~Nation~~.

Tribal enrollment of father Freedman No. 3187 Tribal enrollment of mother

Postoffice Sugar, Ind. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Dora Bassett, on oath state that I am 22 years of age and a citizen by — of the — Nation;

that I am the lawful wife of Eddie Bassett, who is a citizen, by
Choctaw Freedmans Nation; that a male child was
[Male or Female]

born to me on 2nd day of October 1904; that said child has been named

Earnest Bassett and was living March 4, 1906.

Dora Bassett - Dora her X Bassett mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] J M Willis
J Lewis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of January 1907.
my com Expires Oct 30-1909

B F Robbins
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Elsie Pryor, a mid Wife, on oath state that I

attended on Dora Bassett, wife of Eddie Bassett

on the 2nd day of Oct. 1904; that there was born to her on said date a male
[Male or Female]

child: that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Earnest Bassett

Elsie her X Pryor mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] Johnson Billy

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of Jan 1907
my com Exp Oct 30-1909

B F Robbins
Notary Public.

No. 424

Certificate of Record of Marriages.

United States of America,
THE INDIAN TERRITORY. } SCT.
CENTRAL DISTRICT.

I. E. J. Fanning Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory and District aforesaid, do hereby CERTIFY that the License for and Certificate of the Marriage of Mr. E. A. Burtch and Miss Dora Rogers was filed in my office in said Territory and District the 7 day of May A. D. 1902 and duly recorded in Book 1 of Marriage Record, Page 213

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court, at Antlers I.T. this 7 day of May A. D. 1902

E. J. Fanning Clerk.
By Jack Tolly Deputy.

P. O. Woodland I.T.

No fee Pd

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
CENTRAL DISTRICT.

I, Jos. R. Foltz, Deputy United States Clerk and ex-officio Recorder within and for the Central and Twenty-fourth Recording Districts, do hereby certify that the above, within and foregoing is a true, accurate and complete copy of a certain ~~Chattel Mortgage~~ Marriage License numbered 424 from Ed. Bostick and Dora Rogers as the same appears on file in my office.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Court this 4 day of Feb. A. D. 1907

Jos. R. Foltz
Deputy U. S. Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder.

and M Dora Rogers of Crookland in the Indian Territory, aged 21 years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this license to the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 1 day of Mar. A. D. 1902

E. J. Fannin
Clerk of the United States Court.

Jos. R. Foltz Deputy.

[Issued at Muskogee, I.T.]

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
CENTRAL DISTRICT. } SS

Certificate of Marriage.

I, J. E. Potts a minister of the Gospel do hereby certify, that on the 1 day of Mar. A. D. 1902, I did, duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between the parties therein named.

Witness my hand, this 1 day of Mar. A. D. 1902

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory, Central District, Book B. Page 100-101

J. E. Potts
a Minister of the Gospel

NOTE: This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the office of the Clerk of the United States Court of the Indian Territory, from whence it was issued, within sixty days from the date thereof, or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00.)

Marriage License.

United States of America, The Indian Territory,

Central District---ss.

To Any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between Mr. Ed. Bratich of Goodland in the Indian Territory, aged 20 years, and M Dora Rogers of Goodland in the Indian Territory, aged 17 years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this license to the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 1 day of March A. D. 1902.

E. J. Fannin
Clerk of the United States Court.

Jos. R. Fatty Deputy.

[Issued at Antlers, I. T.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
CENTRAL DISTRICT. } ss

Certificate of Marriage.

I, J. E. Potts a minister of the Gospel do hereby certify, that on the 1 day of March, A. D. 1902, I did, duly and according to law, as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between the parties therein named.

~~Witness my hand, this~~ 1 day of March A. D. 1902

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Indian Territory, Central District, Book B. Page 100-101

J. E. Potts
a minister of the Gospel

NOTE: This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the office of the Clerk of the United States Court of the Indian Territory, from whence it was issued, within sixty days from the date thereof, or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars ($100.00.)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the applications for the enrollment of Odas Bassett and Earnest Bassett as Choctaw freedmen.

D E C I S I O N .

It appears from the record herein that applications were duly made to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of Odas Bassett and Earnest Bassett as Choctaw freedmen within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, (34 Stats., 137).

It further appears from the record herein and from the records of this office that the applicants were born September 15, 1903 and October 2, 1904, respectively, were living on March 4, 1906, and are the legitimate children of Dora Bassett, a non-citizen and Eddie Bassett, whose name appears opposite No. 5187 upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen a proved by the Secretary of the Interior September 26, 1903.

I am, therefore, of the opinion that Odas Bassett and Earnest Bassett should be enrolled as Choctaw freedmen under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, (34 Stats., 137), as amended by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 21, 1906, (34 Stats., 325), and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 27, 1907.

Eddie Bassett,

Higo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 1[illegible] 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of Odas Bassett and Earnest Bassett as Choctaw freedmen.

You are further advised that the names of Odas Bassett and Earnest Bassett granted in said decision have been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval. You will be notified of Departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.
Incl. 17-NB-79

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 27, 1907.

J. M. Willis,

Hugo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 18, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of Odas Bassett and Earnest Bassett as Choctaw freedmen.

You are further advised that the names of Odas Bassett and Earnest Bassett granted in said decision have been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval. You will be notified of Departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

Commissioner.

Registered.
Incl. 17-NB-79

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 27, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,
Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.
South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 19, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of Odas Bassett and Earnest Bassett as Choctaw freedmen.

You are further advised that the names of Odas Bassett and Earnest Bassett granted in said decision have been placed upon a schedule of Choctaw freedmen to be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval. You will be notified of Departmental action thereon.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.
Incl. 17-MB-79

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Muskogee, Indian Territory. January 19, 1907.

Eddie Bassett,

Hugo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the applications for the enrollment of your minor children, Odas and Earnest Bassett, as Choctaw freedmen under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of these children, showing whether or not they were living March 4, 1906.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there are enclosed herewith new blanks which you are requested to have properly executed at once and return the same promptly, so that they will reach this office prior to January 25, 1907, in order that proper disposition may be made of the applications for the enrollment of these children.

You are also requested to furnish this office with evidence of your marriage to Dora Bassett, the mother of these children, and the best evidence of the marriage will be the original or a certified copy of your marriage license and certificate.

This matter should receive your most prompt attention

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and your neglect or failure to furnish the proof required may deprive your children of such rights to enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, as they may have.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 8, 1906.

Eddie Bassett,

Hugo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your minor children, Odas and Earnest Bassett, as Chootaw freedmen under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are hereby advised that there is a discrepancy in the name of the father as it appears in the certified copy of your marriage license and certificate and in the affidavits to the birth of these children, in the former it appears as Ed Bostick, while, in the latter it appears as Ed Bassett. You are therefore requested to furnish this office with an affidavit as to whether or not these names, Ed Bostick and Eddie Bassett, represent one and the same person .

You should give this matter your most prompt attention and your neglect or failure to furnish the required proof in time may deprive these children of such rights to enrollment as Chootaw freedmen, as they may have.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 18, 1907.

J. M. Willis,

Hugo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of February 12, 1907, inclosing affidavits of Dora Bassett and Elsie Pryor to the birth of Odas Bassett and Earnest Bassett, children of Eddie and Dora Bassett, September 16, 1902 and October 2, 1904; you state that Eddie Bassett was advised by the clerk at Antlers that the certificate of his marriage would be forwarded from that office.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the application for the enrollment of Odas and Earnest Bassett is now receiving consideration and when a decision is reached you will be notified of the action taken therein.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 2, 1907.

Eddie Bostick,

Hugo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of February 21, 1907, stating that there is a mistake in your name, and that your name should be Ed Bostick instead of Ed Bassett; you make this statement in the matter of the enrollment of your children Odas and Ernest Bostict.

In reply to your letter you are advised that the names of your children Odas and Ernest Bassett have been placed upon a schedule of minor Choctaw freedmen which has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior, and you will be notified when their enrollment is approved by the Department.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 80

Surrender W. White

M. Fr. 80

MINOR 80

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Surrender W. White

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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IN THE MATTER OF THE BIRTH

of Surrender White,

Choctaw Commission No. .....

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AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
INDIAN TERRITORY
Choctaw

I, Ellen Walker a Midwife

on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Alice White, wife

of Wm White, on the 19 day of

Jan. 1 1905, that there was born to her on said

date a male child, that said child is now living,
Male or Female

and is said to have been named September 19 W. White

Ellen + Walker M. D.
mark

E. Hankins

Geo Kemp

WITNESSETH:

Must be two witnesses who are Citizens and know the child.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 3 day of

July 1905

R. I. Kennedy Notary Public.

We hereby certify that we are well acquainted with

, a and know

to be reputable and of good standing in the community.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE BIRTH

of Surrender W. McHale

Choctaw Commission No.

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

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NEW-BORN AFFIDAVIT

Number. .....

...CHOCTAW ENROLLING COMMISSION...

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, of Surrender W. White (Name of Child) 18th Jan 1905

Name of father Wm White a citizen of U. S. Nation, final enrollment No. .....

Name of mother Alice White nee Thompson a citizen of Choctaw Nation Nation; final enrollment No. .....

Postoffice Spaulding I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

INDIAN TERRITORY

Central DISTRICT.

I Alice White nee Thompson, on oath state that I am 20 years of age and a citizen by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, and as such have been placed upon the final roll of the Choctaw Nation, by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior my final enrollment No. being ..... ; that I am the lawful wife of Wm White, who is a citizen of the U. S. Nation, and as such has been placed upon the final roll of said Nation by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, his final enrollment No. being ..... and that a male (Male or Female) child was born to me on the 19 day of Jan 1905; that said child has been named Surrender W. White, and is now living.

Alice White

Witnesseth.

Must be two Witnesses who are Citizens. { .....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3d day of July 1906

W. S. Kennedy
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: Nov. 12th 1909

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Surrender N. White

as a citizen of Freedman

Choctaw Nation.

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Commissioner.

Dec 20, 1906

Original application received April 26, 1906

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS. APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Surrender W. White, born on the 19 day of Jan 1905
(Here insert name of child)

Name of Father: W. E. White a citizen of the U. S. Nation.

Name of Mother: Alice White a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father..... Tribal enrollment of mother.....

Postoffice Stringtown I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central Judicial District. }

I, Alice White, on oath state that I am 20 years of age and a citizen by Inter-marriage of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of W. E. White, who is a citizen, by ..... of the U. S. Nation; that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 19th day of Jan 1905; that said child has been named Surrender W. White and was living March 4, 1906

Alice White

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of Dec. 1906.

D. Kennedy
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central Judicial District. }

I, Ellen Walker, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Alice White, wife of W. E. White on the 19th day of Jan 1905; that there was born to her on said date a Male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Surrender W. White

her
Ellen + Walker
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] { C. R. Pogue
W. A. Wetumka

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of Dec. 1906.

D. Kennedy
Notary Public.

17-977.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 25, 1906.

Alice Thompson,
Box 78,
Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 7, in which you ask if the application for the enrollment of your child has been received.

In reply you are advised that affidavits to the birth of Surrender W. White, child of William White and Alice White (nee Thompson), January 19, 1905, have been received at this office. You are informed, however, that the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, made no provision for the enrollment of children of Choctaw and Chickasaw Freedmen.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 15, 1906.

Wm. White,

Stringtown, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Surrender W. White, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not he was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

It appears from the evidence in the possession of this office that the affidavit of the attending physician or midwife is wanting. You are advised that if there was no physician or midwife in attendance at the birth of this child, it will be necessary that you furnish this office with affidavits of two disinterested persons who know the names of the parents, date of his birth and whether or not he was living March 4, 1906.

For the purpose of assisting you in this matter there is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have

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properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 20, 1906.

William White,

Stringtown, Indian Terrrtory.

Dear Sir:-

This office is in receipt of the affidavits of Alice White and Ellen Walker, relative to the birth of your minor child, Surrender W. White, born January 19, 1905, said affidavits being supplemental to the application made for the enrollment of said child on April 26, 1905.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 81
Henry Williams

M. Fr. 81

MINOR

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Henry Williams

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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In the Matter of the Birth

OF

Henry Williams

CHOCTAW COMMISSION NO. _____

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

HUGONIAN PRINT, HUGO, IND. TER.

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New Born Affidavit.

No.

CHOCTAW : ENROLLING : COMMISSION.

In the Matter of the Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the

Choctaw Nation, of Henry Williams

born on the 5 day of August 1903

Name of father _____ a citizen of _____

Choc. Nation; Final Enrollment No. 15

Name of mother Ella Williams a citizen of Choctaw

Choc Nation; Final Enrollment No. 15

Postoffice Fort Towson I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY.
Central DISTRICT

I, Ella Williams, on oath state that I am 18 years of age and a citizen by Birth of the Choctaw Nation, and as such have been placed upon the final roll of the Choctaw Nation, by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior my final enrollment number being 15; that I am the lawful wife of _____, who is a citizen of the _____ Nation and as such has been placed upon the final roll of said Nation by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, his final enrollment number being _____ and that a Male (MALE OR FEMALE) child was born to me on the 5 day of August 1903; that said child has been named Henry Williams, and is now living.

WITNESSETH: his
x Ella Williams
mark

Must be two Witnesses who are Citizens. Victory x Lefore
his
mark
Lewis Foreman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of January 1904

Fred Everett
Notary Public.

My commission expires Dec. 5th 1906 Cent. Jud. Dist.

In the Matter of the Birth

OF

Henry Williams

CHOCTAW COMMISSION NO._____

HUSONIAN PRINT, HUGO, IND. TER.

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Affidavit of Attending Physician or Midwife.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY.
Central DISTRICT.

I, Ann Williams, a Midwife

on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Ellis Williams

wife of _____, on the 5 day of

August, 1903. that there was born to her on said date a

Male child, that said child is now living, and is said to have
MALE OR FEMALE.

been named Henry. Williams

mit X mark
Thos Fennell
John Crittenden

her
Ann X Williams M. D.
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 31 day of January 1903

Fred Everett
Notary Public.
Cent. Jud. Dist.

mit X mark
Thos Fennell
John Crittenden

WITNESSETH:

Must be two witnesses who are citizens and know the child.

her
X Victory Leflore
mark
X Lewis Fremon

We hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Ann Williams

a midwife and know her to be reputable and of good

standing in the community.

mit X mark
Thos Fennell
John Crittenden

Must be two citizen witnesses.

her
X Victory X Leflore
mark
X Lewis Fremon

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Henry Williams

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

CHOCTAW ENROLLMENT

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Henry Williams, born on the 5 day of August 1903.
(Here insert name of child)

Name of Father: Turner Pollard a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Ella Williams a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Choctaw Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw

Postoffice Fort Towson, Ind. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Ella Williams, on oath state that I am 19 years of age and a citizen by Adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of ~~Turner Pollard~~, who is a citizen, by ....., of the .....Nation; that a Male (Male or Female) child was born to me on 5th day of August, 1903; that said child has been named Henry Williams, and was living March 4, 1906.

Ella Williams

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] .....

.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of July 1906.

Thomas Fennell
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
..... District.

I, Victoria Laflare, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Ella Williams, wife of ~~Turner Pollard~~, on the 5th day of Aug, 1903; that there was born to her on said date a Male (Male or Female) child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Henry Williams

her
Victoria X Laflare
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] Lewis Fremon

Ida Freemon

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of July 1906.

Thomas Fennell
Notary Public.

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Commissioner.

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Dat. Rec'd. Aug. 5/93.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS. APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Henry Williams [Here insert name of child], born on the 6 day of August 1903.

Name of Father Turner Parish not a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Ella Williams a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father. Not enrolled Tribal enrollment of mother. Choctaw Freedman

Postoffice Sawyer I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central Judicial District. }

I, Ella Williams on oath state that I am 20 years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation Nation; that I am ~~the lawful wife of~~ not the wife ~~_____, who is a citizen, by_____ of the_____~~ Nation; that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 6th day of August 1903; that said child has been named Henry Williams and was living March 4, 1906.

Ella Williams

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of Dec 1906.

Ale Davis

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Ann Williams, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Ella Williams, wife of _____ on the 6th day of August 1903; that there was born to her on said date a Male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Henry Williams

Ann her X mark Williams

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] J. C. Dixon
J. Lewis Freeman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of Dec 1906.

Ale Davis

Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 8, 1905.

Ella Williams,

Fort Towson, Indian territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Ella Williams and Ann Williams to the birth of Henry Williams, son of Ella Williams August 5, 1903.

Under the provisions of the act of Congress approved March 3, 1905, the Commission iw only authorized to receive applications for the enrollment of children born to enrolled citizens by blood of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations prior to March 4, 1905, and as you are a Choctaw freedman you will see that the Commission is without authority to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of your child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 26, 1906.

Ella williams,

Fort Towson, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

There have been received at this office affidavits of yourself and Victoria Loflore to the birth of Henry Williams August 5, 1903.

You will be notified of such action as is taken in regard to the affidavits to the birth of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 1, 1906.

Ella Williams,

Fort Towson, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

It appears from the records of the Commissioner that an application was received at this office on July 26, 1906, for the enrollment of your child, Henry Williams, as a Choctaw freedman.

You are advised that the time within which applications could be received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of minor children under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expired July 25, 1906.

It has recently been held by the Department that the minor children of Choctaw freedmen who were living on March 4, 1906, are entitled to enrollment provided application was made within the time prescribed by law, or prior to July 25, 1906.

If it is claimed that such an application was made for the enrollment of your child above named prior to July 25, 1906, you should appear before the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka, Indian

Territory, any time prior to January 1, 1907, for the purpose of presenting testimony relative to the submission of such application within the required time.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 15, 1906.

Ella Williams,

Fort Towson, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Henry Williams, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not he was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

It appears from the evidence heretofore furnished that the affidavit of the attending physician or midwife is wanting. If there was no physician or midwife in attendance at the birth of this child, it will be necessary that you furnish this office with the affidavits of two disinterested persons who know the names of the parents, date of his birth and whether or not he was living March 4, 1906.

There is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are

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requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

E.C.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 24, 1906.

Ella Williams,

Sawyer, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your affidavit and the affidavit of Ann Williams to the birth of Henry Williams, child of Turner Parish and Ella Williams, August 6, 1903, and the same have been filed in the matter of the enrollment of said child.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 82

Henry Webster

Ollie Webster

M. Fr. 82

MINOR 82

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Henry Webster
Ollie Webster

Decline to receive Feb 15 1907

Record Forwarded Department. Feb 15 1907

Action Approved by Secretary of Interior Mar 2 1907

Notice of Departmental Action Forwarded Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations Apr 12 1907

Notice of Departmental Action Mailed Applicant. Apr 12 1907

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES
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March 18, 1905

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To all who this may concern
I Alfred Gross did Solomnize
the marriage between Jemi
Webster and Henrietta Shield
Dec. 1904 according
to law. A. minister of the
gospel License recorded in
Book B. 2 34.

Alfred Gross a minister of
the Gospel.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE BIRTH

OF Henry Webster

CHOCTAW COMMISSION No.----------

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

N. B.
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APR 26 1906

NEW-BORN AFFIDAVIT.

Number

Choctaw Enrolling Commission.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, of Henry Webster
Name of Child.

born on the 23 day of November 1903

Name of father Lewis Webster a citizen of Freedman

Nation final; enrollment No.

Name of mother Henrietta Webster a citizen of Freedman

Choctaw Nation; final enrollment No. 80 Postoffice Ft Towson O.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central DISTRICT

I Henrietta Webster, on oath state that I am 18 years of age and a citizen by ——— of the ———
Choctaw Nation, and as such have been placed upon the final roll of the
Choctaw Nation, by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior
my final enrollment number being ———; that I am the lawful wife of ———
Lewis Webster, who is a citizen of the Choctaw
Nation, and as such has been placed upon the final roll of said Nation by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior, his final enrollment number being 2963 and that a male
Male or Female.
child was born to me on the 23 day of November 1903; that said child
has been named Henry Webster and is now living.

WITNESSETH: Henrietta Webster

Must be two Witnesses who are Citizens. Wm Ware
James Simmons

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of March 1905

Fred Everett
Notary Public.

My commission expires Dec. 6th 1906

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IN THE MATTER OF THE BIRTH

OF

Henry Webster.

CHOCTAW COMMISSION NO.

17-489

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Affidavit of Attending Physician or Midwife

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central DISTRICT

I, Tennessee Smith a midwife

on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Henrietta Webster

wife of Lewis Webster, on the 23 day of

November, 1903, that there was born to her on said date a

male child, that said child is now living, and is said to have
Male or Female

been named Henry Webster. her
Tennessee X Smith mark midwife.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the 13th day of March 1905

Fred Everett
Notary Public.
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WITNESSETH:

Must be two witnesses who are citizens and know the child. { Wm Ware / James Summey

We hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Tennessee Smith,

a Midwife and know her to be reputable and of good

standing in the community.

Must be two citizen witnesses. { Wm Ware

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Henry Webster

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

CHOCTAW NATION

Approved JAN 25 1907 190...

Commissioner.

Date of Birth

Nov. 23 1903.

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS. APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Henry Webster [Here insert name of child], born on the 23 day of Nov 1903

Name of Father: Lewis Webster a citizen of the Choctaw Nation

Name of Mother: Henrietta Webster a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Choctaw Freedmen Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw Freedmen

Postoffice Fort Towson, Ind. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Henrietta Webster, on oath state that I am 19 years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Lewis Webster, who is a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 23 day of Nov 1903; that said child has been named Henry ~~Henrietta~~ Webster, and was living March 4, 1906.

Henrietta Webster

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of December 1906.

Thomas Fennell
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Tennis Smith, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Henrietta Webster wife of Lewis Webster on the 23 day of Nov 1903; that there was born to her on said date a Male [Male or Female] child: that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named ~~Henrietta~~ Henry Webster

her
Tennis X Smith
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Henderson Spears
W.W. Speed

[Must be Two witnesses] }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of December 1906.

Thomas Fennell
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Ollie Nebeker

as a citizen of

Choctaw Freedmen Nation.

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Commissioner.

Dec. 31, 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS. APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Ollie Webster [Here insert name of child], born on the 21 day of October 1905

Name of Father: Lewis Webster a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Henrietta Webster a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Choc-Freed Tribal enrollment of mother Choc-Freed

Postoffice Ft Towson I T

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Henrietta Webster on oath state that I am 19 years of age and a citizen by Adopes of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Lewis Webster, who is a citizen, by Adopes of the Choctaw Nation; that a ~~Female~~ [Male or Female] child was born to me on 21 day of October 1905; that said child has been named Ollie Webster and was living March 4, 1906.

Henrietta Webster

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Seal) .....

[Must be Two Witnesses] .....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of December 1906.

Thomas Fennell

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Eddyth Williams, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Henrietta Webster, wife of Lewis Webster on the 21 day of October 1905; that there was born to her on said date a Female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Ollie Webster

her
Edith x Williams
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Seal) R H Armstrong

[Must be Two witnesses] Viola Williams

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of December 1906.

Thomas Fennell

Notary Public.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ of the Freedman Choctaw Nation,

of Henry Webster (Here insert name of child), born on the 23rd day of Nov. 1903

Name of Father: Lewis Webster a ~~citizen~~ of the Freedman Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother Henrietta Webster, nee Shields a ~~citizen~~ of the Freedman Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Fort Towson I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Henrietta Webster, nee Shields, on oath state that I am 20 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Lewis Webster, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 23rd day of November, 1903; that said child has been named Henry Webster and was living March 4, 1906.

Henrietta Webster

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of January 1907

W. M. Martin
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Georga Williams, a ....., on oath state that I am acquainted with attended on Henrietta Webster, wife of Lewis Webster, & know that on the 23rd day of November, 1903 ~~that~~ there was born to her ~~on said date~~ a Male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Henry Webster

Georga Williams

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of January 1907

W. M. Martin
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

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as a citizen of

..... Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ of the Freedman Choctaw Nation,

of Henry Webster [Here insert name of child], born on the 23rd day of Nov 1903

Name of Father: Lewis Webster a ~~citizen~~ of the Freedman Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother Henrietta Webster a ~~citizen~~ of the Freedman Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Fort Towson I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Wilburn Hampton, on oath state that I am 27 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Lewis Webster, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to ~~me~~ Henrietta Webster on the 23rd day of November 1903; that said child has been named Henry Webster and was living March 4, 1906.

acquainted with

Wilburn Hampton

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] .....

.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of July 1907

W. W. Ervin

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
..... District. }

I, ..., a ....., on oath state that I attended on ....., wife of ..... on the .....day of ..... 1..... ; that there was born to her on said date a ..... [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named .....

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WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] .....

.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... 1906.

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Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Ollie Webster as a Choctaw freedman.

-: D E C I S I O N :-

It appears from the record herein that on December 31, 1906, there was received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes written application for the enrollment of Ollie Webster as a Choctaw freedman.

It further appears from the record herein and from the records of this office that Ollie Webster was born October 21,1905, and that she is the daughter of Lewis Webster whose name appears opposite No. 30 upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior March 6, 1903, and Henrietta Webster whose name appears as Henrietta Shields opposite No. 2963 upon the final roll of Choctaw freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior June 11, 1903.

It further appears from the record herein that on January 19, 1907, Lewis Webster, the father of said applicant, was duly notified that if it was claimed that any application had been made for the enrollment of said applicant as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), he should appear before the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, Muskogee, Indian Territory, any time during the month of January 1907, for the purpose of presenting testimony relative to the submission of such application within the required time, but it does not appear from the records of this office that any appearance was made in response thereto.

It does not appear from the records of this office that any application of any nature whatsoever was ever made for the enrollment of said applicant as a Choctaw freedman prior to July 26, 1906.

Section two of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), provides:

"That for ninety days after approval hereof applications shall be received for enrollment of children who were minors living March fourth, nineteen hundred and six, whose parents have been enrolled as members of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee or Creek tribes, or have applications for enrollment pending at the approval hereof, and for the purpose of enroll-

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ment under this section illegitimate children shall take the status of the mother, and allotments shall be made to children so enrolled".

I am of the opinion that inasmuch as application was not made for the enrollment of Ollie Webster as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the above Act, I am without authority to receive or consider any application for her enrollment as such, and that therefore, I should decline to receive or consider the same, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

FEB 15 1907

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COMMISSIONERS:
TAMS BIXBY,
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE.

WM. O. BRALL,
Secretary.

ADDRESS ONLY THE
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING
17-489

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 18, 1905.

Lewis Webster,

Fort Towson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Henrietta Webster and Tennessee Smith to the birth of Henry Webster, infant son of Lewis and Henrietta Webster, November 23, 1903, which it is presumed have been forwarded as an application for the enrollment of said child. Also the certificate of marriage between Henrietta Shields and Lewis Webster.

You are advised that the act of Congress approved March 3, 1905, contains no provision for the enrollment of children of Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen. The Commission is therefore without authority to enroll children born to Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen since September 25, 1902.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 15, 1906.

Lewis Webster,

Fort Towson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Henry Webster, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not he was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

It appears from the evidence heretofore furnished that the affidavit of the attending physician or midwife is wanting. If there was no physician or midwife in attendance at the birth of this child, it will be necessary that you furnish the affidavits of two disinterested persons who know the names of the parents, date of his birth and whether or not he was living March 4, 1906.

You are also requested to furnish evidence of your marriage to Henrietta Webster, the mother of this child, and the best evidence of the marriage will be the original or a certified copy

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of your marriage license and certificate.

There is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 9, 1907.

Lewis Webster,

Fort Towson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It appears from the records of the Commissioner that an application was received at this office on December 31, 1906, for the enrollment of your children, Ollie and Henry Webster as Choctaw freedmen.

You are advised that the time within which applications could be received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of minor children under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expired July 25, 1906.

It has recently been held by the Department that the minor children of Choctaw freedmen who were living on March 4, 1906, are entitled to enrollment provided application was made within the time prescribed by law, or prior to July 25, 1906.

If it is claimed that such an application was made for the enrollment of your children above named, prior to July 25, 1906, you should appear at the General Office at Muskogee, Indian Territory any time during the month of January 1907, for the purpose of

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presenting testimony relative to the submission of such application within the required time.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 15, 1907.

Lewis Webster,

Fort Towson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 15, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Ollie Webster as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.
Incl. 17-NB-82.

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 15, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw & Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:-

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 15, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Ollie Webster as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Incl. 17-MB-82.

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 15, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Ollie Webster as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 15, 1907, declining to receive or consider said application.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

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Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON. March 2, 1907.

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DIRECT.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Your decisions in the following Choctaw citizenship cases adverse to the applicants are hereby affirmed. Copies of Indian Office letters submitting your reports and recommending that the decisions be affirmed are inclosed:

Title of Case.	Title of Your Letter of Transmittal.
Richard Floyd (Freedman)	February 13, 1907.
Dave and Addie May Bailey (Freedmen)	February 13, 1907.
Ardahia and Larce McKinney (Freedmen),	February 16, 1907.
Menie Cochran (Freedman),	February 13, 1907.
Nancy Cole and Liza Ellen Cole (Freedmen),	February 14, 1907.
R. C. Seale, et al.,	February 14, 1907.
Nasell and Lavster Artry, (Freedmen),	February 14, 1907.
Nellie J. Gideon et al.,	December 28, 1906.
Emma and Evaline Jackson,	February 14, 1907.
Ida Bell Bennett,	February 15, 1907.

Title of Case.	Date of your letter of transmittal.
Mennie Warner, et al., (Freedmen),	February 16, 1907.
Katie Simpson, et al.,	February 16, 1907.
Raymond Henry Davis,	February 14, 1907.
Nancy T. Wilson, et al. (Miss. Choc.),	February 12, 1907.
J. H. Hill and Newton Hill,	January 25, 1907.
Flora Lee Spring (Freedman)	February 12, 1907.
William Edgar and Oscar Jeffreys, (Miss. Choc.),	February 11, 1907.
Celestine Pierce (Freedman),	February 13, 1907.
Hisk Cubit (Freedman),	February 13, 1907.
Lucretia Hadnot, et al.,	February 16, 1907.
Susan A. Baird,	February 15, 1907.
William Allen Gee (Miss. Choc.),	February 12, 1907.
Rila Williams (Freedman),	February 13, 1907.
Ida Colbert,	February 12, 1907.
Mable Everidge (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
Duckie May Mabrie (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
Cornelious and Vaneda Riddle (Freedmen),	February 15, 1907.
Jimmie Lee Alexander (Freedman),	February 13, 1907.
Fred M. Patterson et al.,	February 15, 1907.
Ed Childers et al., (Freedmen),	February 12, 1907.
Lizzie Dennis (Freedman)	February 15, 1907.
Nellen D'Grace McMurty,	February 12, 1907.
Mable Bailey and Susa Anna Bailey (Freedmen)	February 13, 1907.
John Louis (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
Amanda Mutchy, (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
Matt Davis, et al.,	February 15, 1907.
Marjie Record (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
Laura Henry (Freedman),	February 14, 1907.
Ollie Webster (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
James McCall,	February 15, 1907.
Nellie Elizabeth Kendrick (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
Elwood Judy (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
Oscar Brown (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
Verna Verniti Bryant,	February 13, 1907.
Richard R. Perry (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
James Luke Tubbee (Miss. Choc.),	February 20, 1907.
Elmina Berryman (Miss. Choc.)	February 20, 1907.
Ethel Rogers (Miss. Choc.),	February 20, 1907.

A copy hereof and all the papers in the above mentioned

cases have been sent to the Indian Office.

Respectfully,

Jesse E. Wilson,

Assistant Secretary,
WCF. 3-3-07.

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Refer in reply to the following:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON.

February 28, 1907.

C O P Y

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is enclosed the record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Ollie Webster, as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of Commissioner Bixby, dated February 15, 1907, adverse to the applicant.

The decision of Commissioner Bixby has been examined, is found to be correct, and its approval is recommended.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,
Acting Commissioner.

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17-MB-82

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 12, 1907.

Lewis Webster,

Fort Towson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on March 2, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of February 15, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Ollie Webster as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

ACTING Geo. D. Rodgers.
Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 12, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that on March 2, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of February 15, 1907, declining to receive or consider the application for the enrollment of Ollie Webster as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

ACTING Geo. D. Rodgers.

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory. January 19, 1907.

Lewis Webster,

Fort Towson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It appears from the records of this office that an application was received on December 31, 1906, for the enrollment of your minor child, Ollie Webster, as a Choctaw freedman.

You are advised that the time within which applications could be received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of minor children under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expired on July 25, 1906. It has been held recently by the Department of the Interior that the minor children of Choctaw freedmen who were living on March 4, 1906, are entitled to enrollment provided applications was made within the time prescribed by law or prior to July 25, 1906.

If it is claimed that such application was made for the enrollment of your above named child prior to July 25, 1906, you should appear at this office at any time during the month of January, 1907, for the purpose of presenting testimony relative to the submission of such applications within the required time.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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MINOR

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Lula Shoals

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Lulah Shoals

as a citizen of the

Choctaw *Nation.*

Approved _____ 190_

Commissioner.

Dec 26. 1902.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 20

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Lulah Thoads (Here insert name of child.), born on the 23 day of August 1899,
Name of Father: J A Thoads, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Name of Mother: Ella Thoads, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Post-Office: Jackson I T

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central District.

I, Ella Thoads, on oath state that I am 22 years of age and a citizen, by marriage, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of J A Thoads, who is a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, that a ~~female~~ (Male or female.) child was born to me on the 23 day of August 1899; that said child has been named Lulah Thoads, and is now living.

Ella Thoads

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of December 1903.

H C Allaway Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, _____ District.

I, _____, a _____, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. _____, wife of _____, on the _____ day of _____, 190__; that there was born to her on said date a _____ (Male or female.) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named _____.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 190__.

Notary Public.

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IN RE
Application for Enrollment of
INFANT CHILD
Lula Shoal
as a citizen of
Choctaw Nation.

Approved 190

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Freedman Nation,

of Lula Shoals (Here insert name of child.), born on the 23d day of August, 1899.

Name of Father: James Anderson Shoals Roll No. 3758 a citizen of the Freedman Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Ella Shoals a citizen of the Freedman Choctaw Nation.

Postoffice Jackson I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, } Central DISTRICT.

I, Ella Shoals, on oath state that I am 24 years of age and a citizen by Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of James Anderson Shoals Roll No 3758., who is a citizen, by Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a female (Male or Female.) child was born to me on 23d day of August, 1899; that said child has been named Lula Shoals, and was living March 4, 1905.

her
Ella + Shoals
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses) }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of March, 1906.

H W Allen
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, } Central DISTRICT.

I, Eliza Garrett, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Ella Shoals, wife of James Anderson Shoals, on the 23d day of August, 1899; that there was born to her on said date a female (Male or Female.) child; that said child was living March 4, 1905, and is said to have been named Lula Shoals

her
Eliza + Garrett
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) } J. L. Sipe
H W Allen Attorney

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of March, 1906.

H W Allen
Notary Public.

(copy)

17-817.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
INDIAN TERRITORY,) ss
Central District.)

A.J.Yarborough being first duly sworn on oath states; that he is of lawful age and that he resides at Boswell and that he is a minister of the Gospel and is duly authorized to Solemnize marriages and that on the 25th day of April 1893 at Fannin County, Texas united in Marriage, James Anderson Shoals and Ella Garriett, that he is well acquainted with the said parties.

That Ella Shoals one of the parties to the said marriage now resides at Jackson, I. T. and that James Anderson Shoals, her husband is in the penitentary at Leavenworth, Kansas. I married the said persons on the 25th day of April, 1893 at Fannin County, Texas.

A.J.Yarbrough

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 19th day of December A.D.1906.

My Commission expires 1/24/1909.

A. J. Marky
Notary Public.

(SEAL)

jcc

17-817
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Lula Shoals
Freedman
as a citizen of

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved... JAN 21 1907 ... 190...

Commissioner.

Date of Birth
Aug 23. 1899.

[illegible] IN THE INTERIOR
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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JAN 19 1907

[illegible] COMMISSIONER.

Original application
Citizen received
August 26 1906.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ Freedmen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Lula Shoals [Here insert name of child], born on the 23 day of August 1899.

Name of Father: James Anderson Shoals a ~~citizen~~ Freedmen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Ella Shoals a ~~citizen~~ None of the Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Choctaw Tribal enrollment of mother

Postoffice Jackson

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Ella Shoals, on oath state that I am 26 years of age and a citizen by ... of the ... Nation; that ~~I am~~ was the lawful wife of James Anderson Shoals, who is a ~~citizen~~ Freedmen, by right of the Choctaw Nation; that a Female [Male or Female] child was born to me on the 23 day of August 1899; that said child has been named Lula Shoals and was living March 4, 1906.

Ella Shoals

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of January 1907

My Com Expires 1/24/1909 G. J. Markey
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Eliza Gossett, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Ella Shoals, wife of James Anderson Shoals on the 23 day of August 1899; that there was born to her on said date a Female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Lula Shoals

Eliza her X mark Gossett

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] }
Melissa Shoals
H. C. Powell.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of January 1907

R. E. Tanner
Notary Public.

17 Nb 83.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 15, 1906.

James Anderson Shoals,

Jackson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Lula Shoals, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not she was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

You are also requested to furnish this office with evidence of your marriage to Ella Shoals, the mother of this child, and the best evidence of the marriage will be the original or a certified copy of your marriage license and certificate.

There is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at

J.A.S. 2.

an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

17-817.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 29, 1906.

C. B. Weeks,

Atoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 20, enclosing affidavit of A. J. Yarbrough to the marriage of James Anderson Shoals and Ella Garrett and the same has been filed with the record in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Stephen and James Carter Shoals as Choctaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

17-NB-83

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 17, 1907.

James Anderson Shoals,

Jackson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Ella Shoals and Eliza Garrett to the birth of Lula Shoals, child of James Anderson and Ella Shoals, August 23, 1899, and the same have been filed in the matter of the enrollment of said child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 84

George Woldrow

M. Fr. 84

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MINOR

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

George Woldrow

Transferred to 17-523 Feb 19 1907

GRANTED

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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E. H. Harriman
(Died Sept. 26 1909)

George Jr.

Transferred 17 523

Choc. M. Fr. 85
Lillie Askew
Maggie Askew

M. Fr. 85

MINOR

ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Lillie Askew
Maggie Askew.

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IN RE
Application for Enrollment of
INFANT CHILD
Maggie Askew
as a citizen of
CHOCTAW Nation.

Approved 190

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Commissioner.

APR 26 1906

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17-1169

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Chactaw Nation,

of Maggie Askew, born on the 15 day of February, 1903
(Here insert name of child.)

Name of Father: Frank Askew a citizen of the Chactaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Tennessee Askew a citizen of the Chactaw Nation.

Postoffice Milo Ind. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
Southern DISTRICT.

I, Tennessee Askew, on oath state that I am 24 years of age and a citizen by Blood, of the Chactaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Frank Askew, who is a citizen, by Blood, of the Chactaw Nation; that a female child was born to me on 15 day of February, 1903; that said child has been named Maggie Askew, and was living March 4, 1905.

Tennessee her X Askew mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.) W. F. Kolb
E. S. Roberts

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of April, 1905.

W. R. Askew
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
Southern DISTRICT.

I, Nancy Wilson, a Mid Wife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Tennessee Askew wife of Frank Askew on the ... day of ..., 1..; that there was born to her on said date a female child; that said child was living March 4, 1905, and is said to have been named Maggie Askew

Nancy her X Wilson mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.) W. F. Kolb
George Scott

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of April, 1905.

W. R. Askew
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Maggie Askew

as a citizen of

CHOCTAW Nation.

Approved March 3 1907.

Commissioner.

Born Feb. 15 1903

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APR. 26, 1906.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Chocktaw Nation,

of Maggie Askew [Here insert name of child], born on the 15 day of Feb. 1903, 1.....

Name of Father: F. C. Askew a citizen of the U. S. Nation.

Name of Mother: Tennessee Askew a citizen of the Chocktaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father U. S. Tribal enrollment of mother Chocktaw

Postoffice Milo, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, Southern District.

I, Tennessee Askew, on oath state that I am about 26 years of age and a citizen by Blood, of the Chocktaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of F. C. Askew, who is a citizen, by ....., of the United States Nation; that a Female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 15 day of Feb. 1903, 1.....; that said child has been named Maggie Askew, and was living March 4, 1906.

her
Tennessee X Askew
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { S A Williams
I T Findley

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of July 1906.

W A Jolly
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, Southern District.

I, Nancy Wilson, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Tennessee Askew, wife of F. C. Askew on the 15 day of Feb. 1903, 1.....; that there was born to her on said date a Female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Maggie Askew.

her
Nancy X Wilson
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] { S A Williams
I T Findley

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of July 1906.

W A Jolly
Notary Public.

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IN RE
Application for Enrollment of
INFANT CHILD
Lillie Askew
as a citizen of
CHOCTAW Nation.

Approved ..... 190 .

..... *Commissioner.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Lillie Askew (Here insert name of child.), born on the 27 day of Feb, 1903

Name of Father: Frank Askew a citizen of the United States.

Name of Mother: Tennessee Askew a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Postoffice Milo Ind. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Southern DISTRICT.

I, Tennessee Askew, on oath state that I am 21 years of age and a citizen by Blood, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Frank Askew, who is a citizen, by Blood, of the United States; that a female (Male or Female.) child was born to me on 27 day of Feb, 1903; that said child has been named Lillie Askew, and was living March 4, 1905.

Tennessee her X Askew
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) W. F. Kolb
T. S. Roberts

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of April, 1905.

W. R. Akers
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Southern DISTRICT.

I, Caroline Wilson, a Mid Wife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Tennessee Askew wife of Frank Askew on the 27 day of Feb, 1903; that there was born to her on said date a female (Male or Female.) child; that said child was living March 4, 1905, and is said to have been named Lillie Askew.

Caroline her X Wilson
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.) W. F. Kolb
Geo. Askew

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of April, 1905.

W. R. Akers
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Lillie Askew

as a citizen of

CHOCTAW Nation.

Approved March 3 1907

Commissioner.

Born Feb 15 1905

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Lillie Askew, born on the 15 day of Feb. 1906.
[Here insert name of child]
Name of Father: F. C. Askew a citizen of the U. S. Nation.
Name of Mother: Tennessee Askew a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Tribal enrollment of father U. S. Citizen. Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw.
Postoffice Milo, Ind. Ter.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Southern District.

I, Tennessee Askew, on oath state that I am about 26 years of age and a citizen by Blood, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of F. C. Askew, who is a citizen, by United States, of the Nation; that a Female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 15 day of Feb. 1906.; that said child has been named Lillie Askew, and was living March 4, 1906.

her
Tennessee X Askew
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
[Must be Two Witnesses]
I A Williams
O F Findley

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of July 1906.

W A Jolly
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Southern District.

I, Caroline Wilson, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Tennessee Askew, wife of F. C. Askew on the 16 day of Feb. 1906., that there was born to her on said date Female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Lillie Askew.

her
Caroline X Wilson
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
[Must be Two Witnesses]
I A Williams
O F Findley

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20. day of July 1906.

W A Jolly
Notary Public.

17-1169
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 14, 1906.

J. O. Pool,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of July 23, 1906, enclosing affidavits of Josephine Harris and Caroline Wilson to the birth of Vernie Harris, deceased, child of Richard Roberts and Josephine Harris, January 26, 1905; also affidavits of Josephine Harris and Nancy Joseph to the birth of Velmore Harris, child of Lige Williams and Josephine Harris, March 8, 1903; also affidavits of Tennessee Askew and Caroline Wilson to the birth of Lillie Askew, child of F. C. and Tennessee Askew, February 15, 1905; also affidavits of Tennessee Askew and Nancy Wilson to the birth of Maggie Askew, child of F. C. and Tennessee Askew, February 15, 1903.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-MB-85

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 13, 1907.

Tennessee Askew,

Milo, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

In the matter of the enrollment of your minor children, Maggie and Lillie Askew, born February 15, 1903 and February 27, 1905, respectively, as minor Choctaw freedmen, you are advised that it will be necessary that you forward new affidavits to their birth upon the inclosed blanks showing that said children were living on March 4, 1906.

This matter should receive your immediate attention as, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, the Secretary of the Interior has no authority to approve the enrollment of any person subsequent to March 4, 1907.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner.

Government Paid.

Muskogee, I.T., March 3, 1907.

Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

From information on file in this office it appears that Maggie Askew and Lillie Askew, born on February fifteenth, nineteen hundred three and February twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred five, respectively, are minor children of Tennessee Askew, whose name appears opposite number fifty five hundred seven on final roll of Choctaw freedmen, and that said children were living on March fourth, nineteen hundred six. It therefore appears that Lillie and Maggie Askew should be enrolled as minor Choctaw freedmen under act of April twenty-six, nineteen hundred six, and I so recommend. Their names appear on minor Choctaw freedman card number eighty-five.

It also appears from information on file in this office that Velmore Harris was born on March eighth, nineteen hundred three, and was living on March fourth, nineteen hundred six, and is the minor child of Josephine Harris whose name appears opposite number fifty-five hundred twelve on final roll of Choctaw freedmen. It therefore appears that Velmore Harris should be enrolled as minor Choctaw freedman under act of April twenty-six, nineteen hundred six, and I so recommend. This child is a male and he is listed on minor Choctaw freedman card number one hundred eighty-three.

BIXBY,
Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 3, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:-

On this date I telegraphed the Department as follows:

"From information on file in this office it appears that Maggie Askew and Lillie Askew, born on February fifteenth, nineteen hundred three and February twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred five, respectively, are minor children of Tennessee Askew, whose name appears opposite number fifty five hundred seven on final roll of Choctaw freedmen, and that said children were living on March fourth, nineteen hundred six. It therefore appears that Lillie and Maggie Askew should be enrolled as minor Choctaw freedmen under act of April twenty-six, nineteen hundred six, and I so recommend. Their names appear on minor Choctaw freedman card number eighty-five.

It also appears from information on file in this office that Velmore Harris was born on March eighth, nineteen hundred three, and was living on March fourth, nineteen hundred six, and is the minor child of Josephine Harris whose name appears opposite number fifty-five hundred twelve on final roll of Choctaw freedmen. It therefore appears that Velmore Harris should be enrolled as minor Choctaw freedman under act of April twenty-six, nineteen hundred six, and I so recommend. This child is a male and he is listed on minor Choctaw freedman card number one hundred eighty-three,"

and this will confirm same.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

J.P.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

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WASHINGTON.

D.C. 13018-1907.
I.T.D. 7932-1907.

March 4, 1907.

L.R.S.

DIRECT.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your telegram of the 3rd instant, stating that Maggie Askew and Lillie Askew, children of Tennessee Askew, are entitled to enrollment as Choctaw freedmen, under the act of April 26, 1906; also that Velmore Harris, child of Josephine Harris, is entitled to be enrolled as a Choctaw freedman under said act.

In accordance with your recommendation contained in said telegram, the enrollment of such children is authorized.

Your telegram will be sent to the Indian Office with a copy hereof.

Respectfully,

(Signed) E. A. Hitchcock,

Secretary.

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A. P. Mc.
3-4-07.

Choc. M. Fr. 86
Elwood Judy

M. Fr. 86

MINOR ENROLLMENT

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Elwood Judy

Decline to receive Feb 15 1907

Copy of Decision Forwarded Applicant Feb 15 1907

Copy of Decision Forwarded Attorneys For Choc Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. Feb 15 1907

Record Forwarded Department Feb 15 1907

Action Approved by Secretary of Interior Mar 2 1907

Notice of departmental Action Forwarded Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. Apr 12 1907

Notice of Departmental Action Mailed
ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

Applicant. Apr 12 1907

N.B. #86

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

.....Elwood Judy.....

as a citizen of

.....Choctaw..... **Nation.**

Choctaw freedmen

Approved..... 190...

.....

Commissioner.

N.B. #86
Jul 26 1906

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Elwood Judy [Here insert name of child], born on the 9 day of Aug 1903

Name of Father: Sampson Judy a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Clara Ellison Judy a citizen of the Non citizen Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Sampson Judy Tribal enrollment of mother Non citizen

Postoffice Berwyn I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, } Mother deceased
..... District. }

I, ... , on oath state that I am ..... years of age and a citizen by ..... of the ..... Nation; that I am the lawful wife of ..... , who is a citizen, by ..... , of the ..... Nation; that a ..... [Male or Female] child was born to me on ..... day of ..... ; that said child has been named ..... , and was living March 4, 1906.

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WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] } .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... 1906.

.....
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
... Southern ... District. }

I, Clara Ellison ....., a Mid-wife ....., on oath state that I attended on Clara Ellison Judy ....., wife of Sampson Judy ..... on the 9 day of Aug 1903 ; that there was born to her on said date a ..... [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Elwood Judy .....

..... Her
Clara x Ellison
Mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] } F.W. Fisher
Mattie Harrison

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of July 1906.

(SEAL)

T.J. Carson
Notary Public.

17-95.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 1, 1906.

Sampson Judy,

Berwyn, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It appears from the records of the Commissioner that an application was received at this office on July 26, 1906, for the enrollment of your child, Elwood Judy, as a Choctaw freedman.

You are advised that the time within which applications could be received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of minor children under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expired July 25, 1906.

It has recently been held by the Department that the minor children of Choctaw freedmen who were living on March 4, 1906, are entitled to enrollment provided application was made within the time prescribed by law, or prior to July 25, 1906.

If it is claimed that such an application was made for the enrollment of your child, above named, prior to July 25, 1906, you should appear before the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka, Indian Territory, any time prior to January 1, 1907, for the purpose of presenting testimony relative to the submission of such application within the required time.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-NB-86. W.A.B.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the alleged application for the enrollment of Elwood Judy as a Choctaw freedman.

-: D E C I S I O N :-

It appears from the record herein that on July 26, 1906, there was received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes written application for the enrollment of Elwood Judy as a Choctaw freedman.

It does not appear from the records of this office that any application of any nature whatsoever had been received for the enrollment of the applicant prior to July 26, 1906.

On December 1, 1906, Sampson Judy was notified that if it was claimed that an application had been made for the enrollment of the applicant as a Choctaw freedman prior to July 26, 1906, he should appear before the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka, Indian Territory before January 1, 1907 and give testimony relative to the submission of said application within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137). No evidence was offered in support of said application.

I am of the opinion that inasmuch as no application was made for the enrollment of Elwood Judy as a Choctaw freedman within the time limited by the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), I am, therefore, without authority to receive or consider or make any record of any application for his enrollment as such; that I should decline to receive the same, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,
FEB 15 1907

17-NB-86

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 15, 1907.

Sampson Judy,

Berwyn, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 15, 1907, declining to receive the application for the enrollment of Elwood Judy as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Registered.

Incl. 17-NB-86

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COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 15, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations.

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Inclosed herewith you will find a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, rendered February 15, 1907, declining to receive the application for the enrollment of Elwood Judy as a Choctaw freedman.

The decision, with the record of proceedings in the case, is this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for review. The final decision of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

Incl. 17-FEB-86

COPY

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 18, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior:

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Elwood Judy as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 18, 1907, declining to receive said application.

Respectfully,

SIGNED Tams Bixby

Commissioner.

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Through the
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

WASHINGTON.

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D.C. 12633-1907.
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6516, 6530, 6532, 6536-07.
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6696, 6700, 6704, 6722-07.
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6786, 6788, 6798-07.
6798, 6806, 6816, 6826-07.
6828, 6830-07.

O. K.

March 2, 1907.

DIRECT.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Your decisions in the following Choctaw citizenship cases adverse to the applicants are hereby affirmed. Copies of Indian Office letters submitting your reports and recommending that the decisions be affirmed are enclosed:

Title of Case.	Title of Your Letter of Transmittal.
Richard Floyd (Freedman),	February 13, 1907.
Dave and Addie May Bailey (Freedmen),	February 13, 1907.
Ardhhia and Larce McKinney (Freedmen),	February 16, 1907.
Monie Cochran (Freedman),	February 13, 1907.
Mamey Cole and Liza Ellen Cole (Freedmen);	February 14, 1907.
E. C. Seale, et al.,	February 14, 1907.
Nasell and Laveter Artry, (Freedmen),	February 14, 1907.
Nellie J. Gideon et al.,	December 28, 1906.
Emma and Evaline Jackson,	February 14, 1907.
Ida Bell Bennett,	February 15, 1907.

Title of Case.	Date of Your Letter of Transmittal.
Nemie Warner et al., (Freedmen),	February 16, 1907.
Katie Simpson et al.,	February 16, 1907.
Raymond Henry Davis,	February 14, 1907.
Nancy T. Wilson etal. (Miss. Choc.),	February 12, 1907.
J. H. Hill and Newton Hill,	January 25, 1907.
Flora Lee Spring (Freedman),	February 12, 1907.
William Edgar and Oscar Jeffreys, (Miss. Choc.),	February 11, 1907.
Celestine Pierce (Freedman),	February 13, 1907.
Hisk Cubit (Freedman),	February 13, 1907.
Lucretia Hadnot et al.,	February 15, 1907.
Susan A. Baird,	February 15, 1907.
William Allen Gee (Miss. Choc.),	February 12, 1907.
Ella Williams (Freedman),	February 13, 1907.
Ida Colbert,	February 12, 1907.
Mable Everidge (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
Duckie May Mabrie (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
Cornelious and Vaneda Riddle (Freedmen),	February 15, 1907.
Jimmie Lee Alexander (Freedman),	February 13, 1907.
Fred M. Patterson et al.,	February 15, 1907.
Ed Childers et al., (Freedmen),	February 12, 1907.
Lizzie Dennis (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
Hellen D'Grace McMurty,	February 12, 1907.
Mable Bailey and Susa Anna Bailey (Freedmen),	February 13, 1907.
John Louis (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
Amanda Mutchy (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
Matt Davis et al.,	February 15, 1907.
Marjie Record (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
Laura Henry (Freedman),	February 14, 1907.
Ollie Webster (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
James McCall,	February 15, 1907.
Nellie Elizabeth Kendrick (Freedman),	~~February 15, 1907.~~
Elwood Judy (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
Oscar Brown (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
Verna Verniti Bryant,	~~February 13, 1907.~~
Richard R. Perry (Freedman),	February 15, 1907.
James Luke Tubbee (Miss. Choc.),	February 20, 1907.
Elmina Berryman (Miss. Choc.),	February 20, 1907.
Ethel Rogers (Miss. Choc.),	February 20, 1907.

A copy hereof and all the papers in the above mentioned

cases have been sent to the Indian Office.

Respectfully,

Jesse E. Wilson,

Assistant Secretary.

48 inc . and 96 inc.
for Ind. Of.

W.C.F.
3/3/07.

947/182
Refer in reply to the following:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

LAND
17186-1907.

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON.

February 28, 1907.

C O P Y

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is enclosed the record of proceedings in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Elwood Judy, as a Choctaw freedman, including the decision of Commissioner Bixby, dated February 15, 1907, adverse to the applicant.

The decision of Commissioner Bixby has been examined, found to be correct, and its approval is recommended.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee.

EBM-LC.

Acting Commissioner.

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Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee.

Acting Commissioner.

EBM-LC.

17-MB-86

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 12, 1907.

Sampson Judy,

Berwyn, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on March 8, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of February 15, 1907, declining to receive the application for the enrollment of Elwood Judy as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Geo. D. Rodgers

ACTING Commissioner.

17-NB-86

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 12, 1907.

Mansfield, McMurray & Cornish,

Attorneys for Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations,

South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that on March 2, 1907, the Secretary of the Interior affirmed the decision of this office of February 15, 1907, declining to receive the application for the enrollment of Elwood Judy as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 25, 1906.

Sampson Judy,

Berwyn, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

There has been received at this office affidavit of Clara Ellison to the birth of Elwood Judy, child of Sampson and Clara Ellison Judy, August 9, 1903.

You will be notified of the action taken upon this affidavit.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 87
Thurlow Easter

M. Fr. 87

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MINOR ENROLLMENT

MINOR CHOCTAW FREEDMAN

Thurlow Easter

Transferred to 17 1057 Feb 18 1907

GRANTED

ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906

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Thurious Easton

Choctaw Freedman

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of the infant child, Thurlow Easton, born on the 28 day of June, 1901 as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Father: John Easton, of Atoka, I.T.

Name of Mother: Katie Wilson, of Alderson, I.T.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,::
INDIAN TERRITORY, :: SS
CENTRAL DISTRICT. ::

I, Katie Wilson, being duly sworn, state that I am 39 years of age, and a citizen of the Choctaw Nation by adoption; that there was born to me on the 28th day of June, 1901, a male child; that said child is now living, and has been named Thurlow.

Katie Wilson

Witnesses to mark:
E A Newman
John Q Hyde

(Katie Wilson)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of Jan, 1902.

E A Newman
Notary Public.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,::
INDIAN TERRITORY, :: S S
CENTRAL DISTRICT. ::

I, Mary Colbert, a Midwife, being duly sworn, on oath state that I am ____ years of age, and that my post office is Stringtown, I. T., that I attended on Mrs. Katie Wilson, on the 28 day of June 1901 and that there was born to her on said date a male child; that said child is still living, and is said to have been named Thurlow.

her
Mary X Colbert
Mark

Witnesses to Mark:
Thos. W. Bees.
Geo G. Mauch.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of Jan, 1902.

D. Skennedy
Notary Public.

Choctaw Freedmen
(Act April 26 1906)

Choc. M. Fr. 88

Ivory Butler

M. Fr. 88

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Ivory Butler

as a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved JAN 2 1907 190

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

JAN 2 1907

MAY 12 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 817

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Ivory Butler (Here insert name of child.), born on the 3d day of April, 1902

Name of Father: Charlie Butler a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Isabell Butler a ~~citizen~~ Freedman of the " Nation.

Postoffice Lukfata I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central DISTRICT.

I, Isabell Butler, on oath state that I am 21 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ Freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Charlie Butler, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ Freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a male (Male or Female.) child was born to me on 3d day of April, 1902; that said child has been named Ivory Butler, and was living March 4, 1906

Isabell Butler

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of May, 1906

Lacey O'Bobo

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, Central DISTRICT.

I, Jane Butler, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Isabell Butler, wife of Charlie Butler on the 3d day of April, 1902; that there was born to her on said date a male (Male or Female.) child; that said child was living March 4, 1906 and is said to have been named Ivory Butler

Her
Jane + Butler
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

W. P. Covington

(Must be Two Witnesses.) J. M. Homer

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of May, 1906

Lacey O'Bobo

Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
Lukfata, Ind. Ter., January 17, 1907.

In the matter of the application for enrollment as a New Born Freedman of the Choctaw Nation of Ivory Butler, card No. 88.

Isabel Butler being duly sworn testifies as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSIONER:

Q What is your name? A Isabel Butler.
Q How old are you? A Twenty-two years old.
Q What is your post office address? A Lukfata.
Q Are you the mother of Ivory Butler? A Yes sir.
Q What is her father's name? A Charlie Butler.
Q Do you know his roll Number? A Yes sir, it is in this allotment certificate (Presents Freedman Allotment Certificate No. 5470, issued to Charlie Butler, Choctaw Freedman roll No. 186)
Q What is the name of your father? A Zack Butler.
Q What is the name of your mother? A Annie Butler.
Q Under what name are you enrolled? A Isabel Butler.
Q Are you enrolled as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q Do you know your roll Number? A Yes sir.
Q What is it? A Number 324.
Q You present here Choctaw Freedman Allotment Certificate No. 2876, issued to Isabel Butler, Choctaw Freedman roll No. 324: Are you the same person whose name appears in this allotment certificate? A Yes sir.
Q And are you the Isabel Butler who is enrolled as number 324 upon the approved Choctaw Freedman roll? A Yes sir.
Q Were you married to Charlie Butler after you were enrolled? A Yes sir.
Q Your maiden name was also Butler? A Yes sir.
Q The same as your husband's? A Yes sir.

Frank L. Doble being duly sworn on oath states that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes taken in the above entitled cause at Lukfata, Indian Territory, on January 17, 1907.

Frank L. Doble

Subscribed and sworn to before me this January 17, 1907.

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Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.
Lukfata, Ind. Ter., January 17, 1907.

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EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSIONER:

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Q How old are you? A Twenty-two years old.
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Q Do you know his roll Number? A Yes sir, it is in this allotment certificate (Presents Freedman Allotment Certificate No. 5470, issued to Charlie Butler, Choctaw Freedman roll No. 186)
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Q What is the name of your mother? A Annie Butler.
Q Under what name are you enrolled? A Isabel Butler.
Q Are you enrolled as a freedman of the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.
Q Do you know your roll Number? A Yes sir.
Q What is it? A Number 324.
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Q And are you the Isabel Butler who is enrolled as number 324 upon the approved Choctaw Freedman roll? A Yes sir.
Q Were you married to Charlie Butler after you were enrolled? A Yes sir.
Q Your maiden name was also Butler? A Yes sir.
Q The same as your husband's? A Yes sir.

Frank L. Doble being duly sworn on oath states that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes taken in the above entitled cause at Lukfata, Indian Territory, on January 17, 1907.

Frank L. Doble

Subscribed and sworn to before me this January 17, 1907.

[illegible]
Notary Public.

17-213

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 18, 1906.

Charlie Butler,

Lukfata, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Isabell Butler and Jane Butler to the birth of Ivory Butler, child of Charlie and Isabel Butler, April 3, 1902.

You are advised that this office is unable to identify Isabel Butler, wife of Charlie Butler, as an applicant for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman and it does not appear that application has heretofore been made for the enrollmrnt of Ivory Butler as a Choctaw freedman, and the act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, made no provision for the enrollment of children of Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

17 Nb 88.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 17, 1906.

Charlie Butler,

Lukfata, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Ivory Butler, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with evidence of your marriage to Isabell Butler, the mother of this child and the best evidence will be the original or a certified copy of your marriage license and certificate.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17-NB-88

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 23, 1907.

Charlie Butler,

Lukfata, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of December 29, 1906, giving information relative to your marriage.

You are advised that it will be necessary that you forward to this office at once evidence of your marriage to Isabell Butler, the mother of your child Ivory Butler. This evidence should consist of the original or a certified copy of your marriage license and certificate.

This evidence should be forwarded so as to reach this office not later than January 28, 1907.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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17-MB-88

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 24, 1907.

Charlie Butler,

Lukfata, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that this office has been able to identify your wife, Isabell Butler as being enrolled opposite No. 324 upon the approved roll of Choctaw freedmen, from the testimony taken on January 17, 1907, and it will not, therefore, be necessary that you forward evidence of your marriage as heretofore requested in previous letters.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 89

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Transferred to Minor Chickasaw
Freedman #636 2-2-07.

M. Fr. 89

Minor Choctaw-Freedman #89.

Nancy

Transferred to Minor Chickasaw Freedman #636.

7/7/07.

Choc. M. Fr. 90

Theodore Williams

M. Fr. 90

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Choctaw Freedmen Roll.

Minor Children.

Enrolled Under Provision of the Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906. (34 Stat. 137)
As Amended by Act of Congress Approved June 21, 1906. (34 Stat. 325)

No.	Name	Age	Sex	Blood	Card No.
285	Williams, Theodore	3	M		90

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IN RE
Application for Enrollment of
INFANT CHILD

Theadore Williams

as a citizen of
Choctaw
Nation.

Approved 190

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Theodore Williams, born on the 21 day of Dec, 1903
(Here insert name of child.)

Name of Father: Roland Williams a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Joanna Williams a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Postoffice Wapanucka

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central DISTRICT.

I, Joanna Williams, on oath state that I am 38 years of age and a citizen by Adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Roland Williams, who is a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male (Male or Female.) child was born to me on 21 day of Dec, 1903 that said child has been named Theodore Williams, and was living March 4, 1905.

Joanna Williams

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of June, 1906

E. J. Ball
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central DISTRICT.

I, Charity Williams, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Joanna Williams, wife of Roland Williams on the 21 day of Dec, 1903 that there was born to her on said date a Male (Male or Female.) child; that said child was living March 4, 1905, and is said to have been named Theodore Williams

her
Charity + Williams
mark.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Charlie Williams
(Must be Two Witnesses.)
Nova Ball

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of June, 1906

E. J. Ball
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Theodore Williams
Freedman

as a citizen of

Chickasaw Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

Dies Chickasaw birth
Dec 21, 1903

FINAL ACTION OF THE
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES
RECEIVED
JAN 1 1907
COMMISSIONER.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Theodore Williams, born on the 21 day of Dec 1903
[Here insert name of child]
Name of Father: Roland Williams a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Name of Mother: Joana Williams a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Tribal enrollment of father..... Tribal enrollment of mother.....
Postoffice.....

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.
I, Joana Williams, on oath state that I am 31
years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation;
that I am the lawful wife of Roland Williams, who is a citizen, by
adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male child was
[Male or Female]
born to me on 21 day of Dec 1903.; that said child has been named
Theodore Williams and was living March 4, 1906.

Joana x Williams
her mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of Dec 1906.

E. J. Ball
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.
I, Charity Williams, a midwife, on oath state that I
attended on Joana Williams, wife of Roland Williams
on the 21 day of Dec 1903.; that there was born to her on said date a Male child;
[Male or Female]
that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Theodore
Williams

her
Charity + Williams
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses]
Lula Ball
Tobitha Abrams

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of Dec 1906.

E. J. Ball
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Theodore Williams
Freedman
as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved FEB 9 1907 190...

Commissioner.

Date of Birth
Dec. 31. 1906.

Original application received
1.7.1590 June 30. 1906.

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Theodore Williams, born on the 21st day of December 1903
[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: Roland Williams a freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Joana Williams a freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ..... Tribal enrollment of mother .....

Postoffice Wapanucka, O. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Joana Williams, on oath state that I am 31 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Roland Williams, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that a male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 21st day of December 1903; that said child has been named Theodore Williams and was living March 4, 1906.

Joana Williams

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of January 1907.

Richard Shamapett
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
..... District.

I, ..., a ....., on oath state that I attended on ....., wife of ..... on the ..... day of ....., 1 ....; that there was born to her on said date a ..... [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named .....

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... 1906.

.....
Notary Public

17-1023
17-1419

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 16, 1906.

Roland Williams,

Wapanucka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Joanna Williams and Charity Williams to the birth of Theodore Williams, child of Roland and Joanna Williams, December 21, 1903.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

17 NB 90.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 17, 1906.

Roland Williams,

Wapanucka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Theodore Williams, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not he was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore furnished do not determine that fact.

There is inclosed herewith a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

17-NB-61

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 5, 1907.

Roland Williams,

Wapanuoka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Joana Williams and Charity Williams to the birth of Theodore Williams, child of Roland and Joana Williams, December 21, 1903, and the same have been filed in the matter of the enrollment of said child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 91

Henry Shields

Garfield Shields

No. 2 dismissed Feb. 11, 1907.

M. Fr. 91

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IN RE
THE DEATH OF

Garfield Shields

~~a citizen of the~~ CHOCTAW FREEDMAN Nation.

Approved _____ 190-

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Commissioner.

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J. 13 91

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Garfield Shields
(Here insert name of deceased.)

a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, who formerly resided at or near Hugo
(Here insert name of postoffice.)
, Ind. Ter., and died on the 29th day of April, 1904.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Green Shields, on oath state that I am 30 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Hugo
(Here insert name of post office.)
, Ind. Ter.; that I am Father of Garfield Shields,
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; and that said Garfield Shields died on the 29th day of April, 1904.

Green Shields

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of August 1904.

J.O. Ward
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central District.

I, Easter Burk, on oath state that I am 40 years of age, and a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that my post office address is Hugo
(Here insert name of post office.)
Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Garfield Shields
(Here insert name of deceased.)
who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; and that said Garfield Shields died on the 29 day of April, 1904.

her
Easter x Burk
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of August 1904.

J.O. Ward
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Garfield Shields

as a ~~citizen of the~~

CHOCTAW FREEDMAN *Nation.*

Approved 190

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

It appearing from the within affidavits that the applicant, Garfield Shields died prior to September 25, 1902, the application for the enrollment of said Garfield Shields as a Choctaw freedman should be dismissed and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Garfield Shields (Here insert name of child), born on the 4 day of Sept. 1899
Name of Father: Green Shields, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Name of Mother: Rose Shields, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Post-Office: Stigler, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
INDIAN TERRITORY, }
Central District. }

I, Rose Shields, on oath state that I am 31 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Green Shields, who is a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, that a male (Male or female.) child was born to me on the 4 day of September 1899; that said child has been named Green Shields, and is now living.

her
Rose x Shields
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:
1. Anna Sidwell
(Must be Two Witnesses.) 2. C. Kirkpatrick

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of August 1900.

J. Sprad
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
INDIAN TERRITORY, }
Central District. }

I, Emma Burk, a _____, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. _____, wife of _____, on the _____ day of _____, 190__; that there was born to her on said date a _____ child; that said child is now living and is said to have been (Male or female.)
named _____.

WITNESSES TO MARK:
(Must be Two Witnesses.) 1. _____
2. _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 190__.

_____
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Henry Shields Freedman

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved ..... 190...

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Henry Shields (Here insert name of child), born on the 21 day of April 1902

Name of Father: Green Shields a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Rose Shields a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father Choctaw No. Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw No.

Postoffice Green Shields father
Post Office Hugo I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Choctaw District.

I, Rose Shields, on oath state that I am thirty-nine years of age and a citizen by living a freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Green Shields, who is a citizen, by living a freedman, of the Choctaw Nation; that a male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 21st day of April 1902; that said child has been named Henry Shields and was living March 4, 1906.

her
Rose X Shields
mark

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] G H Hunt
J P Edwards

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of June 1906.

Geo Richardson
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Choctaw District.

I, Fanny Colbert, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Rose Shields, wife of Henry Shields on the 21st day of April 1902; that there was born to her on said date a male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Henry Shields

Fanny Colbert

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of June 1906.

Geo Richardson
Notary Public.

17-383-907.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 14, 1907.

Green Shields,

Hugo, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that it appearing from the records of this office that your minor child, Garfield Shields, died prior to September 25, 1902, the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes on February 11, 1907, dismissed the application for his enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Louevucey Hall

Decline to receive Jan. 15, 1907.
(Born too late)

M. Fr. 92

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Lowery Neil

as a citizen of

..... Nation.

Approved..... 190...

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Commissioner.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT. 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Lawrence Hall, born on the ... day of ...

[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: Wesley Hall now a citizen of the ... Nation.

Name of Mother: Fannie Hall a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father ... Tribal enrollment of mother Freedman

Postoffice ...

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
... District. }

I, Fannie Hall, on oath state that I am Twenty Two (22) years of age and a citizen by Freedman blood, of the Choctaw Nation;

that I am the lawful wife of Wesley Hall, ~~who is a citizen, by~~ ..., ~~of the~~ Texas ~~Nation;~~ that a Female child was

[Male or Female]

born to me on 24" day of August 1906.; that said child has been named

Lawrence Hall and ~~was living March 4, 1906.~~ is still living

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { ...
... }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23" day of Nov. 1906.

H. H. Hitches

Notary Public.

Grayson County Texas

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
... District. }

I, J. A. Swafford, a Practicing Physician on oath state that I attended on Fannie Hall, wife of Wesley Hall

on the 24" day of August, 1906.; that there was born to her on said date a Female child; that said child ~~was living March 4, 1906,~~ is still living and is said to have been named Lawrence Hall

[Male or Female]

J. A. Swafford M.D

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { ...
... }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24" day of September 1906.

H. H. Hitches

Notary Public.

Grayson County, Texas

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

It appearing from the within affidavits that the applicant, Louevicey Hall, was born subsequent to March 4, 1906, I am of the opinion that under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stats., 137), I am without authority to receive, consider or make any record of any application for the enrollment of the said Louevicey Hall as a Choctaw freedman and therefore I should decline to receive the same, and it is so ordered.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Chauncey Hall

as a citizen of

Nation.

Approved 190

Commissioner.

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

of Lawrence Hall [Here insert name of child], born on the .....day of .....1.....

Name of Father: Wesley Hall a citizen of the .....Nation.

Name of Mother: Fannie Hall a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father.....Tribal enrollment of mother Freedman

Postoffice.....

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, } .....District. }

I, Fannie Hall on oath state that I am Twenty Two (22) years of age and a citizen by Freedman of the Chocktaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Wesley Hall, ~~who is a citizen, of the Texas Nation~~; that a Female child was born to me on 24th day of August, 1906; that said child has been named Lawrence Hall and is still living

Fannie Hall

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] { .....
.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of Nov. 1906.

H.W. Nitaker

Notary Public.

Grayson County, Texas.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, } .....District. }

I, J.A. Swafford, Practicing Physician, on oath state that I attended on Fannie Hall, wife of Wesley Hall on the 24th day of August, 1906; that there was born to her on said date a Femal [Male or Female] child; that said child is still living, and is said to have been named Lawrence Hall

J.A. Swafford M.D.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] { .....
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of November, 1906.

H.W. Nitaker

Notary Public.

Grayson County, Texas.

Bells, Texas

R. F. D. #2

Messrs Fine inclose application For Fannie Hall Minor child her maden name was Fannie Andrews Vicy Andrews Daughter Fannie Andrews Freedman no is 5052 Vicy Andrews is 5051 I under stand thire has been Application made to transfer all Freeman with indian blood to citizen by blood, if that is true my wife is entitle to be transferred to citizen by blood because Mary Williams Vicy Andrews mother is 3/4 indian Mary Williams Father was a full blood Indian and her mother 1/2 thay look more like Indian than negroes. Please advise me on this matter as you have always done I remain Your truly

G. W. Andrews.

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Willie L. Younger

M. Fr. 93

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,

CHOCTAW LAND OFFICE.

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ATOKA, INDIAN TERRITORY, DECEMBER 11, 1906.

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IN THE MATTER of the application of William Lee Younger for enrollment as a Choctaw freedman.

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CHARLEY YOUNGER, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

By the Commissioner:

Q State your name ? A Charley Younger.
Q What is your age ? A 23 years old.
Q What is your post office address ? A Waupanucka.
Q Are you the father of William Lee Younger ? A Yes sir.
Q Are you a freedman of the Choctaw Nation ? A No sir.
Q Is your wife ? A My wife is.
Q What is her name ? A Elizabeth Younger, but she is enrolled as Elizabeth Lewis.
Q What is the name of the father of Elizabeth Lewis ? A Joe Cunnish.
Q What is her mother's name ? A Louisa Cunnish.

The name of Elizabeth Lewis appears as No. 2163 upon the approved Choctaw freedmen roll, field card No. 1024.

Q How old is William Lee Younger ? A He will not be two years old until February; I believe it is the 22nd or 23rd I don't know which.
Q Is it January or February that that child was born ? A January or February I disremember which; it is one of them months. I never kept account of it the women folks always do that.
Q What year was the child born ? A Last year.
Q 1905 ? A Yes sir.
Q It appears that an affidavit signed by Elizabeth Younger (Lewis), made on the 25th of July, 1906, before P. Davis, a notary public, with reference to the birth of this child; and another affidavit signed by Elizabeth Younger, and one signed by Menorn McCoy, a mid-wife, before P. Davis, a notary public, but not dated, was received at the office of the Commissioner at Muskogee on July 26, 1906, said affidavits constituting an application for the enrollment of William Lee Younger: were these all made out at the same time ? A No; they couldn't have been.

Q Was any application made for the enrollment of this child before these affidavits were made ? A Yes sir, Mr. Balls made the first one.
Q Is he a notary public ? A Yes sir.
Q Was that sent in to the Commissioner ? A Yes sir, I reckon it has. I got an answer back and he read it for me.
Q Why did your wife make out these, then, if she had already made an application ? A She got an answer you know that they were not enrolling children, something like that, and Mr. Balls read it and he said the best thing I could do was to put in another application.
Q Have you that letter Mr. Balls got in answer to the application ? A I got it at home, Yes sir. I can get him to send it to you.
Q Will you mail that letter to the Commissioner at Atoka as soon as you return home ? A Yes sir.

Witness dismissed.

Wm. L. Martin, stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, on oath states that he recorded the testimony in this cause, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Wm. L. Martin

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 12th day of December, 1906.

W. H. Mackey
Notary Public.

NB # 86.93.

Wm Lee Younger.

CHOCTAW FREEDMEN

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NB # 93.

JUL 26 1906

BIRTH AFFIDAVIT

Department of the Interior,
Commissioner To The Five Civilized Tribes.

Enrollment of Minors. Act of Congress, Approved April 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the ..... Nation,

of Wm. Lee Younger, born on the 23 day of January

Here insert name of child.

Name of Father: Charles Younger a citizen of the ~~Choctaw~~ Intermarried Nation

Name of Mother: Elizabeth (Lewis) Younger a citizen of the ~~Choctaw~~ Choctaw Nation

Tribal enrollment of father Intermarried Tribal enrollment of mother Choctaw

Postoffice Wapanucka I.T.

Affidavit of Mother.

UNITED STATES of AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Elizabeth (Lewis) Younger on oath state that I am 24 years of age and a citizen by ~~adoption~~ marriage of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Charles Younger who is a citizen, by marriage of the Choctaw Nation; that a Male child was born to me on 23 day of January, 1906; that said child has been named Wm. Lee Younger and was living March 4, 1906.

Male or Female.

~~Elizabeth~~ Elizabeth Younger

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be two Witnesses.]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... 1906.

..... Notary Public,

Affidavit of Attending Physician or MID-WIFE

UNITED STATES of AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Monora McCoy, a Mid Wife on oath state that I attended on Elizabeth Lewis Younger wife of Charles Younger on the 23 day of January 1906, that there was born to her on said date a Male child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Wm. Lee Younger

Male or Female.

Monora McCoy

WITNESSES MARK:

Wust be two Witnesses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... 1906.

..... Notary Public.

Elizabeth Younger being duly sworn makes oath and says: That she is a Choctaw Freedman duly enrolled in the office of the Com Commision to the Five Civilized Tribes at Muscogee Ind. Ter., and that she is the mother of William Lee Younger, a minor child not enrolled in the office of said commisioner; affiant further swears that the sd said Wiliam Lee Younger was living on the 4th day of March 1906, therfore affiant hereby makes application to daid Commision of the Five C Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of the said William Lee Younger upon the Freedmans roll of the Choctaw Nation as provided for in the act of Congress aproved April 26th 1906. And that affiant further swa swears, that she was enrolled by the said Commision in her maiden nam Elizabeth Lewis. This 25th. day of July, 1906.

Elizabeth Younger (her mark)

Subscribed andsworn to before me on this 25th. day of July 1906

P. Davis

My Commision Expires 13 July 1910. Notary Public.

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IN RE
Application for Enrollment of
INFANT CHILD

Willie L. Grimsley
Buchanan

as a ~~citizen~~ of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved ..... *190* ....

Commissioner.

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JUN 18 1906

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Willie L. Younger (Here insert name of child.), born on the 23rd day of Jan, 1905
Name of Father: Charles Younger, a citizen of the Nation.
Name of Mother: Elizabeth Younger, nee Lewis, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Postoffice Wapanucka

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central DISTRICT.

I, Elizabeth Younger, on oath state that I am 24 years of age and a citizen by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Charles Younger, who is a citizen, by ..., of the U. S. Nation; that a Male (Male or Female.) child was born to me on 23 day of Jan, 1901; that said child has been named Willie L. Younger, and was living March 4, 1905.

Elizzabeath Younger

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of June, 1906.

E. J. Ball
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central DISTRICT.

I, M. P. Skeen, a Physician, on oath state that I attended on May Elizabeth Younger, wife of Charles Younger on the 23 day of Jan, 1905; that there was born to her on said date a Male (Male or Female.) child; that said child was living March 4, 1905, and is said to have been named Willie L. Younger

M. P. Skeen

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of June, 1906.

E. J. Ball
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved
April 26, 1906.

Willie L. Youngen

as a citizen of ~~Freedman~~

Cherokee Nation.

Approved... JAN 25 1907 ..... 190...

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Commissioner.

Date of Birth
Jan. 23. 1903

Jan. 11. 1907

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BIRTH AFFIDAVIT - 199

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,

of Willie L. Younger, born on the 23 day of Jan 1905

[Here insert name of child]

Name of Father: Charles Younger a citizen of the U. S. ~~Nation.~~

Name of Mother: Elizabeth Younger a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father..... Tribal enrollment of mother. 2163.

Postoffice Wapanucka I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, Elizabeth Younger on oath state that I am 24 years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Charles Younger, who is a citizen, by ....., of the U. S, ~~Nation~~; that a Male [Male or Female] child was born to me on 23rd day of Jan 1905; that said child has been named Willie L. Younger and ~~was living March 4, 1906.~~

Elizzjebeath Younger

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses] .....

.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of Dec 1906.

E. J. Ball

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory, }
Central District. }

I, M. P. Skeen, a Physician, on oath state that I attended on Elizabeth Younger wife of Charles Younger. on the 23rd day of Jan 1905; that there was born to her on said date a Male [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Willie L. Younger

M. P. Skeen

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] .....

.....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of Dec 1906.

E. J. Ball

Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 22, 1906.

Charles Younger,

Wapanucka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Elizzibeathe Younger and M. P. Skeen to the birth of Willie Younger, child of Charles and Elizabeth Younger, January 23, 1905.

You are advised that the act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, made no provision for the enrollment of children of Choctaw and Chickasaw freedmen. You will therefore see that there is now no authority for the reception of an application for the enrollment of your child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

OFFICERS:
E. J. BALL, President
WM. M. DUNN, Vice-President
E. O. LOOMIS, Vice-Pres and Cashier
S. L. BARNES, Assistant Cashier

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WAPANUCKA, I.T. Dec. 12th, 1906,

Commission to Five Tribes,

Atoka, I, T.

enclosed I hand your acknowledgement of my application for enrollment of Willie, Younger, some time after receipt of this, a man by the name of Turner called on me and advised that there was now provision made for enrolling my child, but that it was necessary for me to make another application, acting on his advise , I made the second application,

respectfully,

Lor Jey Younger

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 22, 1906.

Charles Younger,

Wapanucka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There have been received at this office affidavits of Elizabeth (Lewis) Younger and Manerver McCoy to the birth of Wm Lee Younger child of Charles and Elizabeth Younger, January 23, 1904.

You will be notified of such action as is taken in regard to the affidavits to the birth of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 1, 1906.

Charles Younger,

Wapanucka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

It appears from the records of the Commissioner that an application was received at this office on July 26, 1906, for the enrollment of your child William Lee Younger as a Choctaw freedman.

You are advised that the time within which applications could be received by the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for the enrollment of minor children under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, expired July 25, 1906.

It has recently been held by the Department that the minor children of Choctaw freedmen who were living on March 4, 1906, are entitled to enrollment provided application was made within the time prescribed by law, or prior to July 25, 1906.

If it is claimed that such an application was made for the enrollment of your child above named prior to July 25, 1906, you should appear before the Choctaw Land Office at Atoka, Indian Territory, any time prior to January 1, 1907, for the purpose of

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presenting testimony relative to the submission of such application within the required time.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 17, 1906.

Charles Younger,

Wapanucka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Willie L. Younger, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not he was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore forwarded have been executed in an old form and do not determine this fact.

There is herewith inclosed a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be made of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

B.C.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 12, 1907.

Charles Younger,

Wapanucka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Elizabeth Younger and M. P. Skeen to the birth of Willie L. Younger child of Charles and Elizabeth Younger, January 23, 1905, and the same have been filed in the matter of the enrollment of said child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Choc. M. Fr. 94

Charlotte McCoy

M. Fr. 94

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Charlotte McCoy Friedman

as a ~~citizen~~ of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved ..... 190 .

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Commissioner.

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JUN 18 1906

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Choctaw Nation,
of Charlotte McCoy (Here insert name of child.), born on the 13th day of Nov, 1903
Name of Father: Willis McCoy a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Name of Mother: Manervia McCoy a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.
Postoffice Napanuca

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central DISTRICT.

I, Manervia McCoy, on oath state that I am 36 years of age and a citizen by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Willis McCoy, who is a citizen, by adoption, of the Choctaw Nation; that a Female (Male or Female.) child was born to me on 13th day of Nov, 1903 that said child has been named Charlotte McCoy, and was living March 4, 1905.

Manervia McCoy

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of June, 1906.

E. J. Ball
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,
Central DISTRICT.

I, Elizabeth Youngor, a Mid Wife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Manervia McCoy, wife of Willis McCoy on the 13 day of Nov, 1903; that there was born to her on said date a Female (Male or Female.) child; that said child was living March 4, 1905, and is said to have been named Charlotte McCoy

Elizabeth Youngor

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of June, 1906.

E. J. Ball
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

MINOR CHILD

Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906.

Charlotte McCoy
Indian

as a citizen of

Choctaw Nation.

Approved FEB 9 1907 190...

Commissioner.

Date of Birth
Nov 13, 1906.

JAN 21 1907

Original application received
17 NB 94 July 18, 1906.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ENROLLMENT OF MINORS. ACT OF CONGRESS, APPROVED APRIL 26, 1906.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a ~~citizen~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation,

of Charlotte McCoy [Here insert name of child], born on the 13th day of November 1903

Name of Father: Willis McCoy a freedman citizen of the Choctaw Nation.

Name of Mother: Minerva McCoy a freedman ~~citizen~~ of the Choctaw Nation.

Tribal enrollment of father..... Tribal enrollment of mother.....

Postoffice Walpanucka, I.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Minerva McCoy, on oath state that I am 37 years of age and a ~~citizen by~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Willis McCoy, who is a ~~citizen, by~~ freedman of the Choctaw Nation; that a female [Male or Female] child was born to me on 13th day of November 1903; that said child has been named Charlotte McCoy and was living March 4, 1906

Minerva McCoy

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two Witnesses]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of January 1907.

Richard Shanafelt
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Indian Territory,
Central District.

I, Elizabeth Younger, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Minerva McCoy, wife of Willis McCoy on the 13 day of November 1903; that there was born to her on said date a female [Male or Female] child; that said child was living March 4, 1906, and is said to have been named Charlotte McCoy

Elizabeth her X mark Younger

WITNESSES TO MARK:

[Must be Two witnesses] Richard Shanafelt
L. E. Taylor

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of January 1907

Richard Shanafelt
Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 23, 1906.

Willie McCoy,

Wapanucka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the affidavits of Minerva McCoy and Elizebeath Younger to the birth of Charlotte McCoy, child of Willie and Minervia McCoy, November 13, 1903.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 17, 1906.

Willis McCoy,

Wapanucka, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

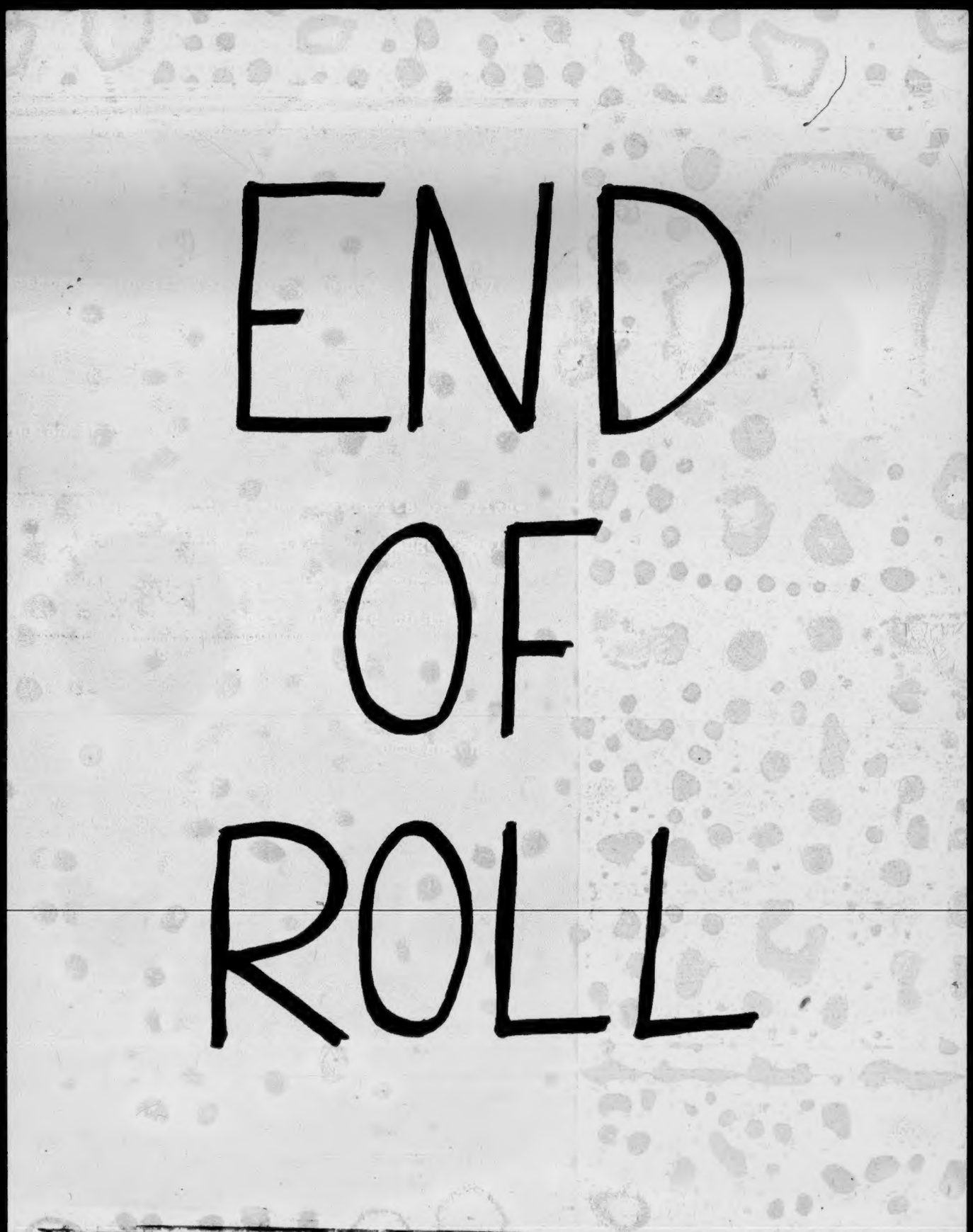
In the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child, Charlotte McCoy, as a minor Choctaw freedman under the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906, as amended by the Act of June 21, 1906, you are advised that it will be necessary that you furnish this office with new affidavits to the birth of this child showing whether or not she was living March 4, 1906, as the affidavits heretofore forwarded have been executed in an old form and do not determine this fact.

There is inclosed herewith a new blank which you are requested to have properly executed and returned to this office at an early date in order that proper disposition may be mace of the application for the enrollment of this child.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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